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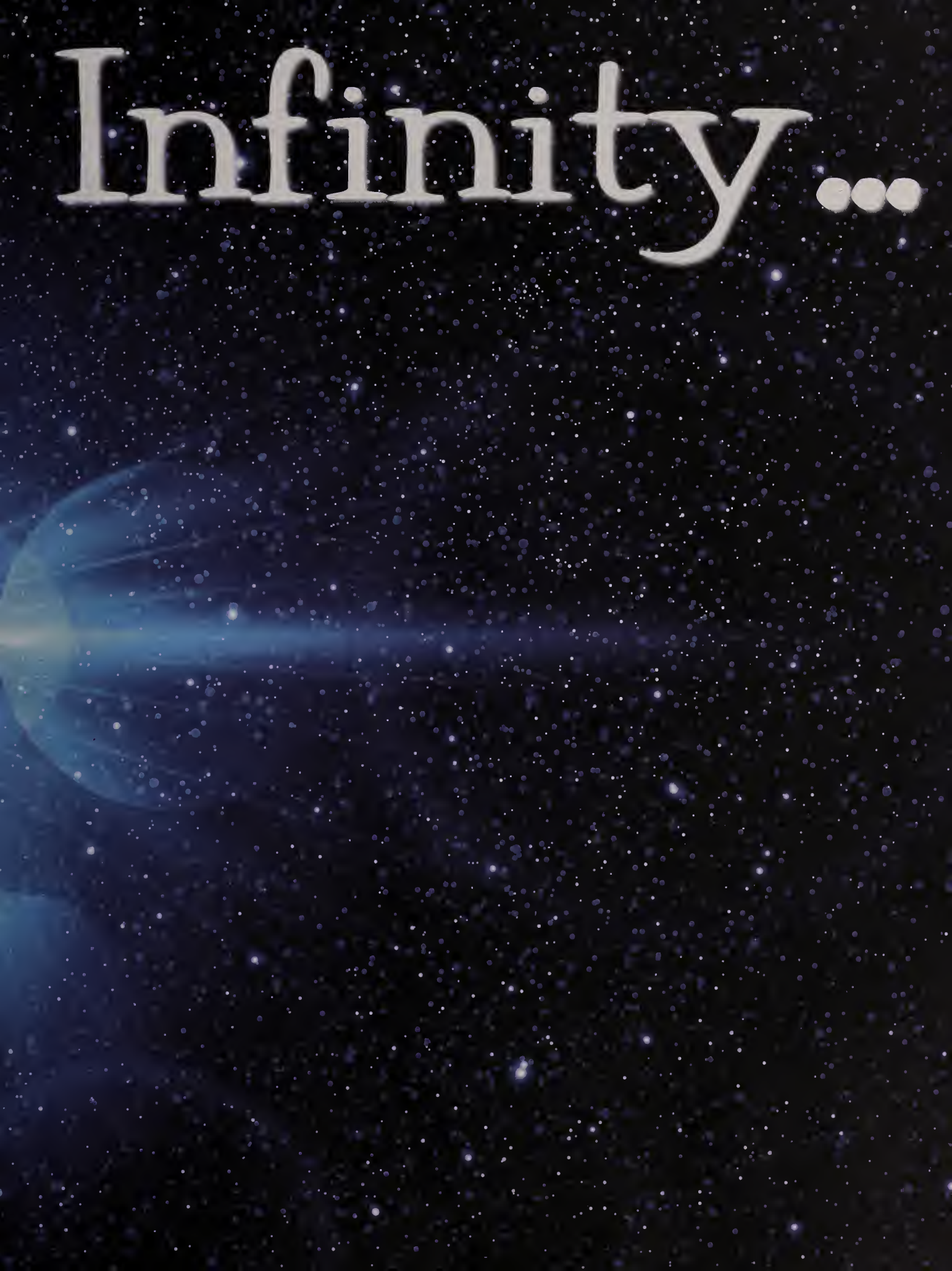

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2015/2016
Prefects

Joanne Kamins

Head of School

Another terrific year has passed and along with that, a year of learning, fun and great friendships. I hope you enjoy reading this book today and in the years to come. To the graduating class of 2016, throughout your years at Balmoral Hall it has been our major purpose to help you grow into intelligent, compassionate and responsible young women. We extend to you our best wishes and wish you success in all your future endeavours.

Jodi Hafenbrak

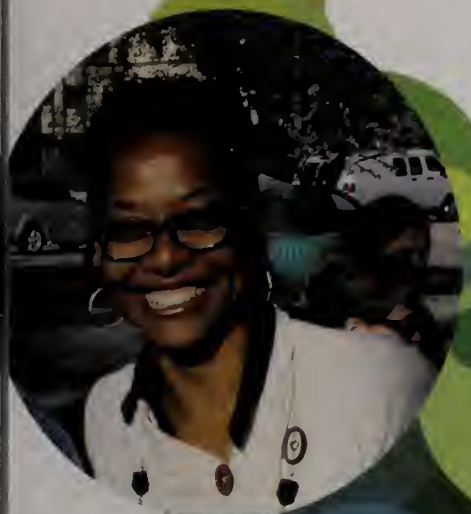
Principal of Middle and Senior School

Academics, sports, arts and debate, everywhere you looked, students were going "To Infinity and Beyond" this year! The prefects brought school spirit to events and homeroom challenges with great success. The student body excelled in all areas and set the bar high for future classes. Congratulations on a fantastic year; you should all be proud of your accomplishments.
To the graduating class of 2016, I wish you all the best as you venture into a new world of study and careers. Continue to reach and go "To Infinity and Beyond." Don't be afraid to make mistakes, instead, learn from them and go forward with more resilience and determination. I can't wait to see what you all accomplish in your lives. We will miss seeing you every day in the halls.

Judith Steek

Principal of Junior School

The prefects' theme, 'To Infinity and Beyond', encouraged all students to set and achieve goals, and to embrace the challenges that were presented throughout the school year. From Girls for the Cure, musicals, science and heritage fairs, International Women's and Multicultural Days, to track and field events and hockey games, BH provides girls with a balanced education.
You should be proud of where you have come from and where you are going as a result of hard work, realizing goals, and learning how to step aside to lead. BH has inspired you to reach, to excel and to lead. As you move onward and upward seeking better things, may you keep in mind the slogan, To Infinity and Beyond. As John S. Herrington said, "There are no dreams too large, no innovation unimaginable, and no frontier beyond our reach." As you graduate, you are on the cusp of dreaming the future, your future of dreaming very large dreams, imagining innovations and creating your new frontier.
To our graduating class and to those who produced the yearbook, congratulations on your very fine achievements!



Joy Loewen

Chair of the Board of Governors

To infinity and beyond: playful yet powerful words to inspire us all to live the BH vision to seek better things. Individually and collectively, it's been pure joy to see you breathe meaning into this theme during the school year.
BH girls: you have demonstrated in big and small ways your infinite capacities to go beyond the imaginable and do spectacular things. From the art you created, which raised awareness and brought local, national and international media attention to the plight of missing women; to the funds you collected to support the Spread the Net campaign; to the simple act of offering a helping hand to a friend on the playground. Bravo!
Graduates: this is both an encouraging and empowering note on which to end your BH journey and launch you onto a path of exploration and a world of boundless possibility. Do so knowing that your BH family proudly supports you and believes in your abilities to lead successful and meaningful lives.
My wish for everyone perusing the pages of this book - whether it be hot off the presses this fall or decades later - is that the photos and messages ignite a fire in your belly to continually excel and make a difference in today's world and beyond.

Nancy Cipryk '86

President of the Alumnae Association

On behalf of the 7,000 Balmoral Hall School alumnae that I represent, I congratulate you by welcoming you to a very privileged group of ladies. Privileged because we have had an all-girls education second to none! Balmoral Hall has given us opportunities to excel, reach, and lead "to infinity and beyond!"
You may be leaving these halls, but we will be with you wherever life takes you. Please stay in touch, and most importantly remember to give back to the place that gave you your start!
As Nelson Mandela once said: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
Take what this educational experience has given you, work hard, and leave your mark on this world!

Meliora Petens

Michaela Burley

President of the Parent Association

Congratulations ladies, on a spectacular year, and best wishes to the Class of 2016 as you prepare to launch into new adventures beyond Balmoral Hall! It has been an absolute privilege to be part of your BH family and to watch you develop into confident, competent and caring young women, ready to take on the world.
It has been said that there are two things we should give our children: one is roots and the other is wings. My hope is that you will always cherish the roots you've established at Balmoral Hall School and that the experiences you've enjoyed during your time here inspire you to soar to great heights in all aspects of your lives.

Samantha Machado

Senior Yearbook Editor

Thank you to the whole committee for being awesome, hard-working [Oxford Comma] and a joy to work with. There are a lot of you, and even though there were times we may have had nothing for you to do, I'm sure each and every one of you did something special for this book. Next year we will be infinitely more organized!
Samantha

The 2015-2016 Yearbook Committee:
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Missing: Terri Erdmann, Zoe Zhang, Nancy Yan and Kim Jin

Paris Musaphir

Head Girl

Over the twelve years that I have attended Balmoral Hall, I must say this year went to infinity and beyond! Seriously, words cannot describe how grateful I am that you elected me to be your Head Girl for the 2015-2016 school year! Of course, nothing could have happened without the amazing prefect team and you, the students here at BH who are each individually talented and unique. Thank you all for bringing forth your own characters, shining during assembly games and spontaneous Iron Chef tournaments. Remember the sky is not the limit; continue reaching to Infinity and Beyond! Love, Paris '16

Middle School Head Girl

Madeline Ritter

Hi everyone! I'm Madeline Ritter - your 2015-2016 Middle School Head Girl. Being your Head Girl was an amazing experience that I wouldn't take back for anything in the world. It has been wonderful working with you to plan dances, movie nights, fundraisers, games and much more. The success of this year wouldn't have been possible without Mrs. Green and the prefect team and so I'd like to thank them for their hard work and dedication. Most importantly, I'd like to thank all of you, the students, for your enthusiasm and participation throughout the year. I hope that you have had as much fun this year as I have and I hope you continue to go to infinity and beyond in your future endeavors!

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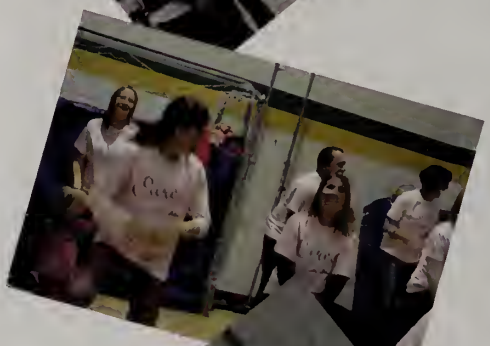

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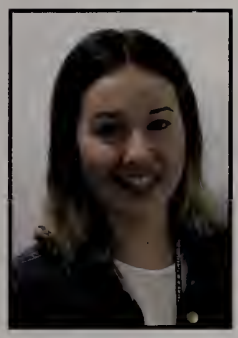
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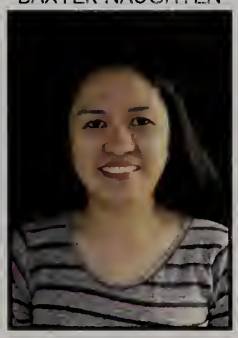
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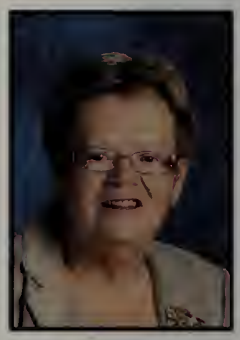
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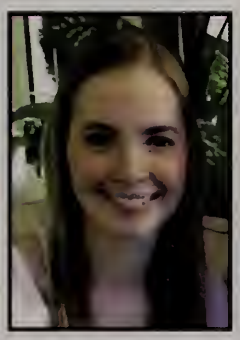
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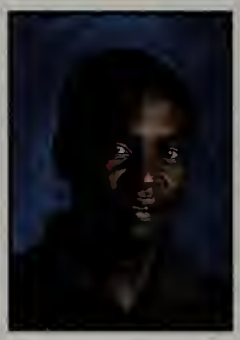
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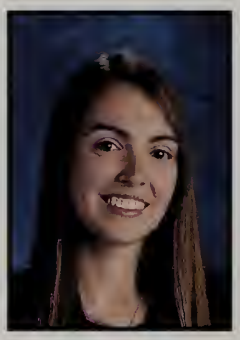
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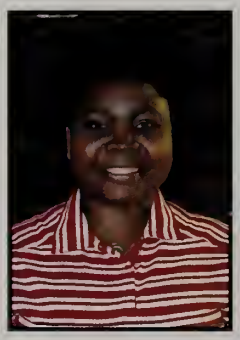
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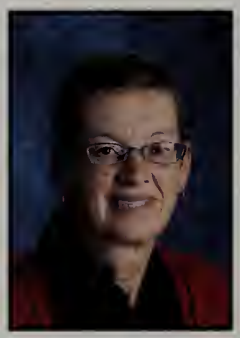
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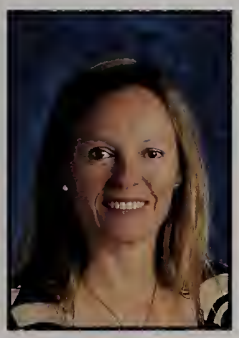
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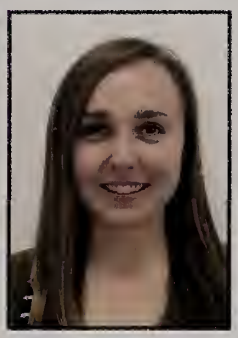
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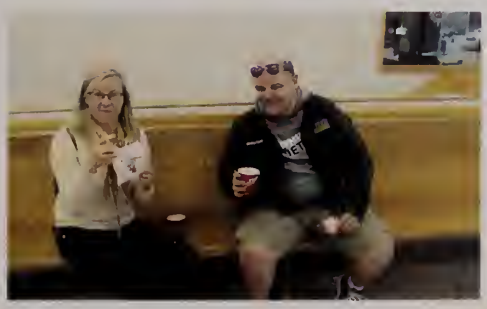

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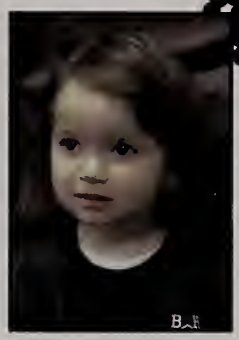
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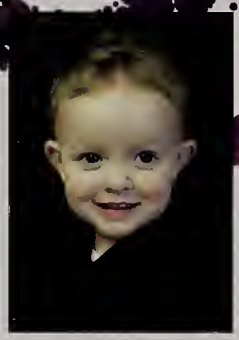
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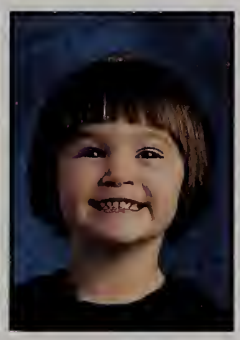
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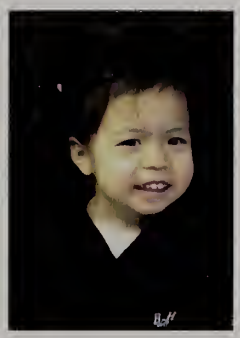
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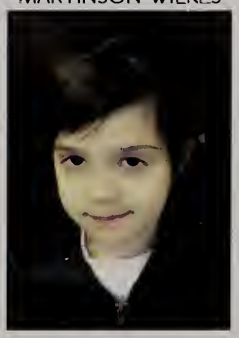
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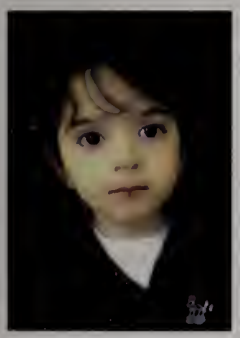
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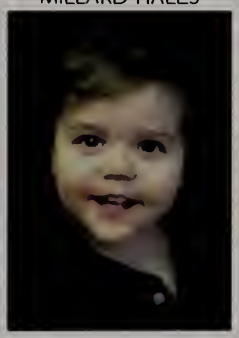
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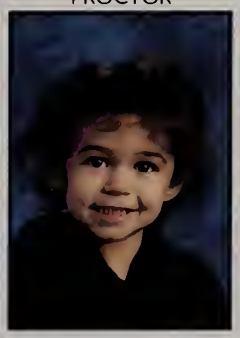
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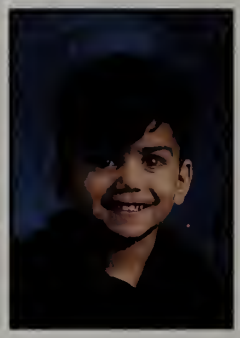
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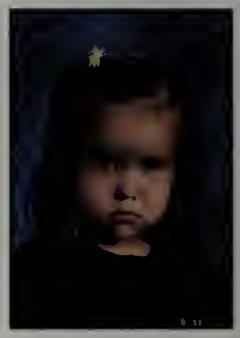
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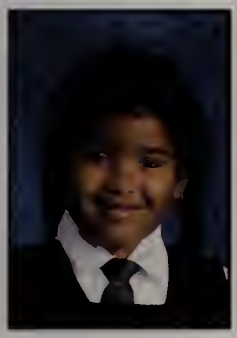
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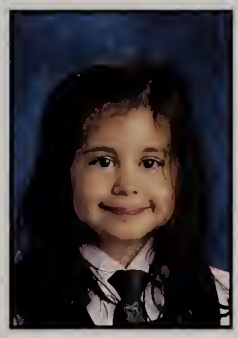
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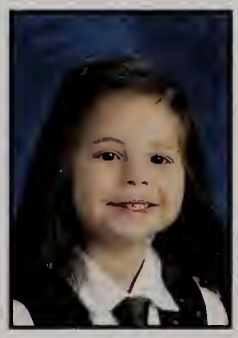
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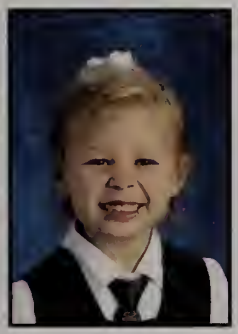
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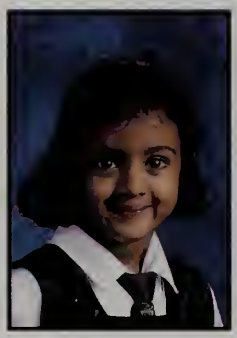
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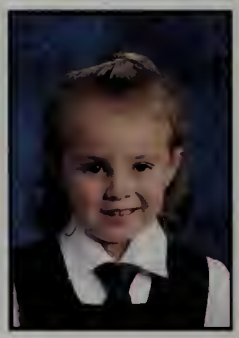
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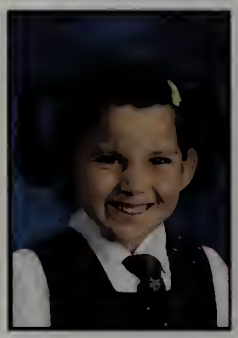
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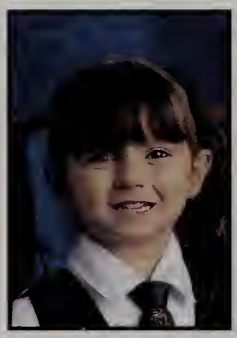
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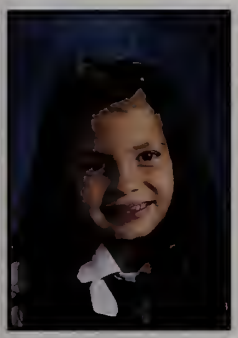
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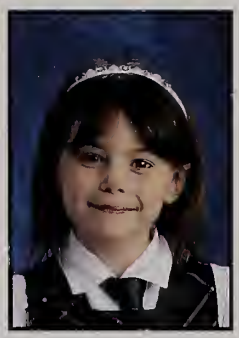
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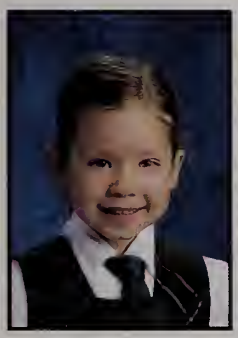
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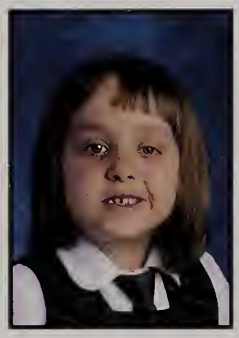
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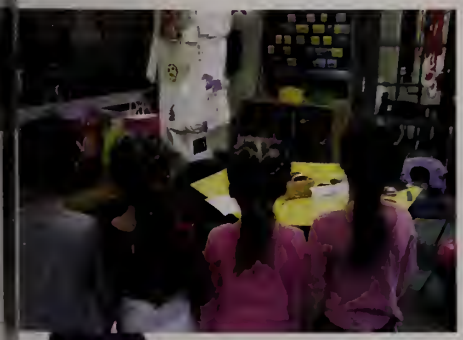

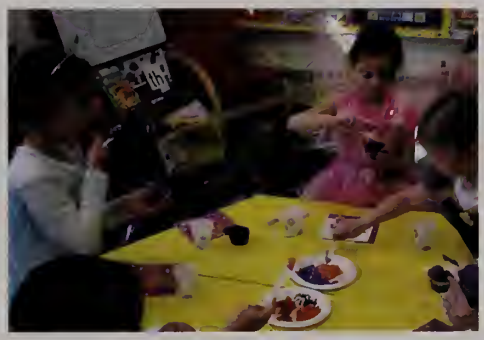

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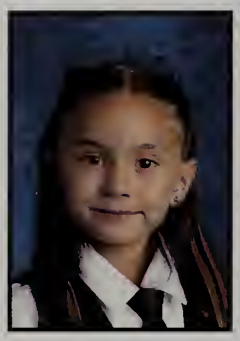
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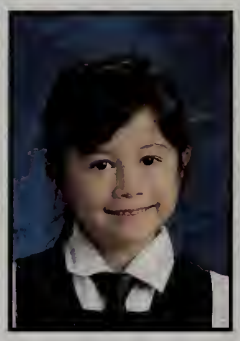
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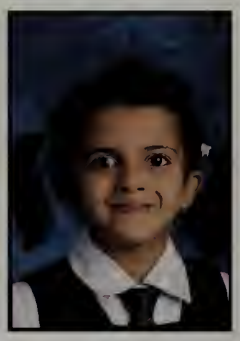
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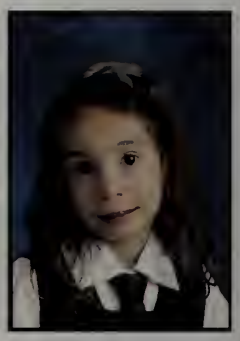
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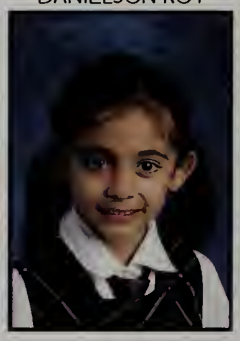
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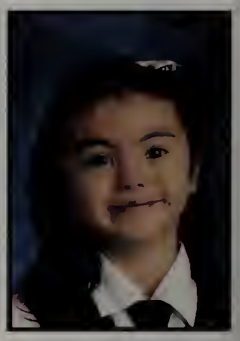
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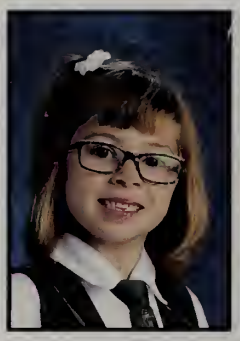
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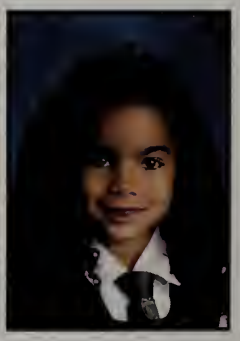
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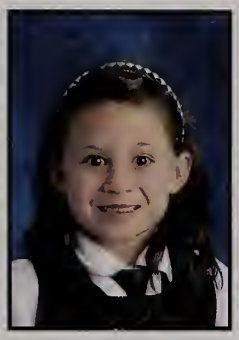
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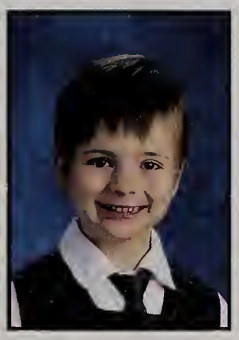
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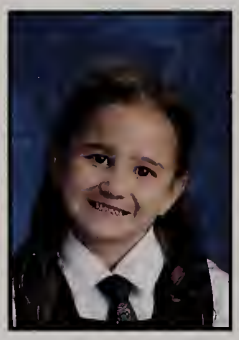
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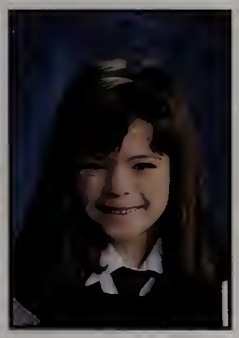
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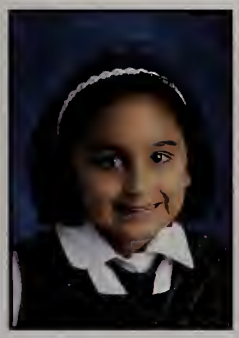
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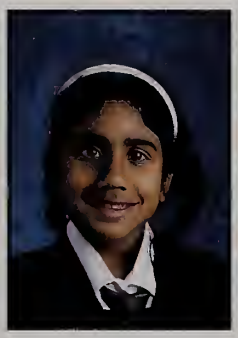
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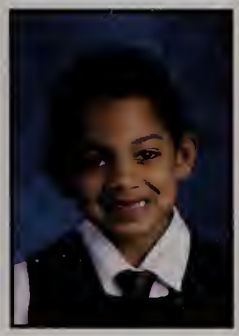
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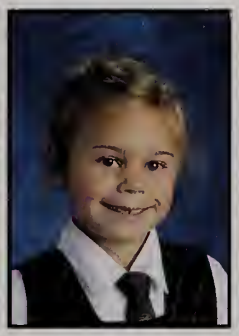
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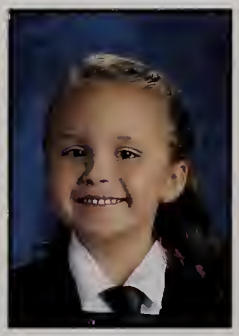
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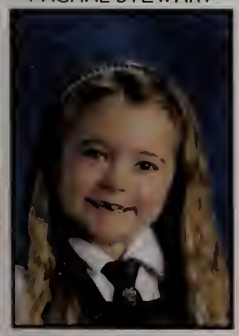
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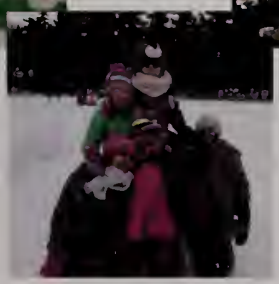

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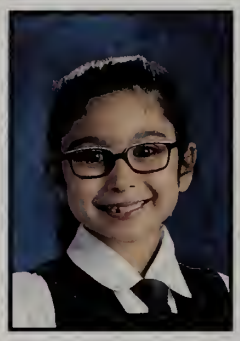
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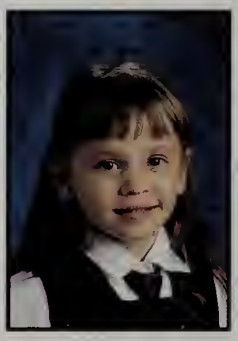
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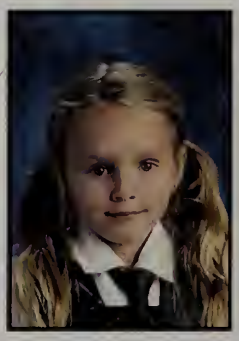
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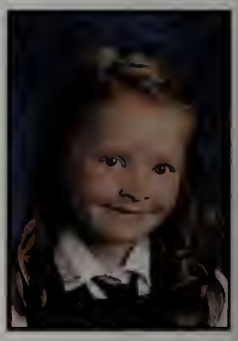
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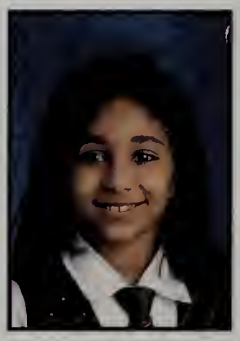
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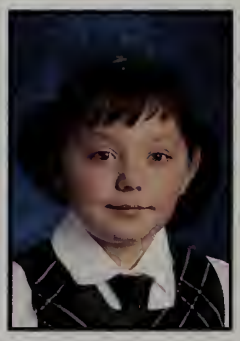
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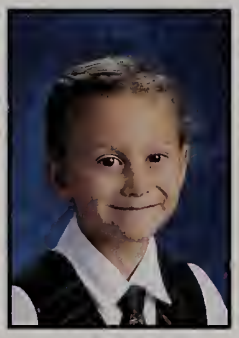
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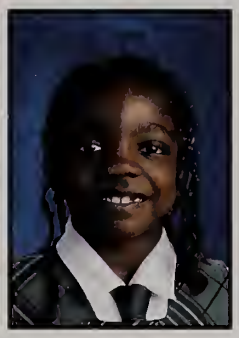
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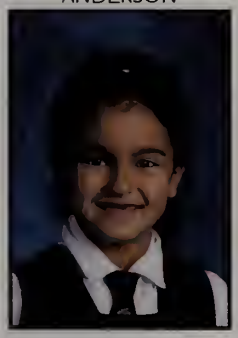
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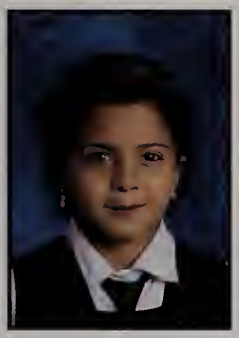
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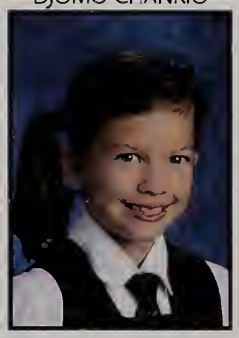
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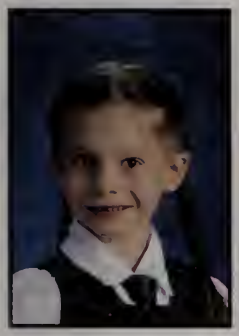
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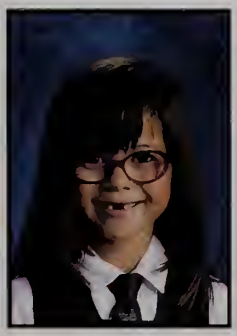
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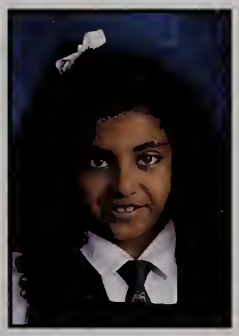
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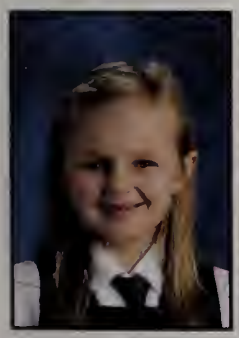
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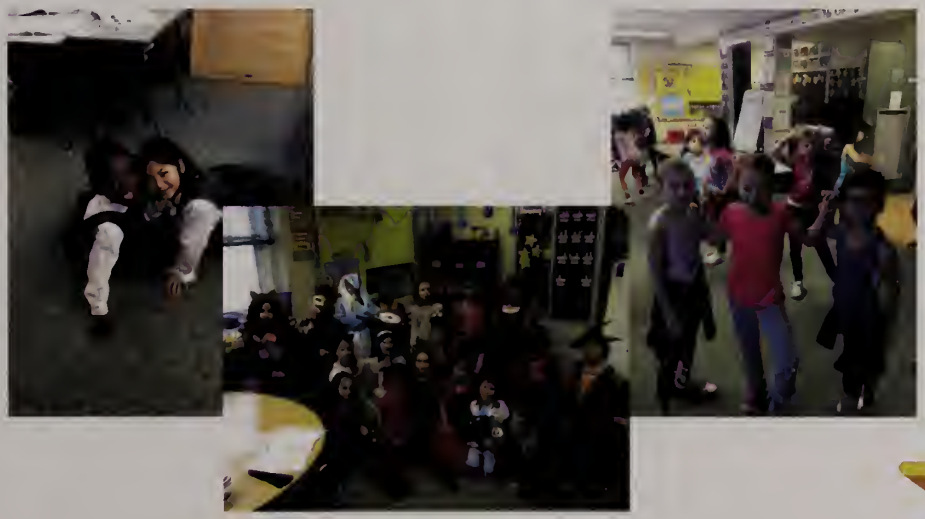

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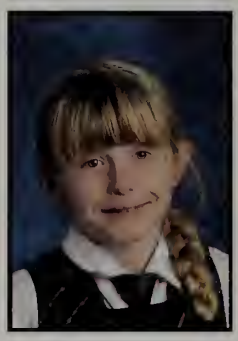
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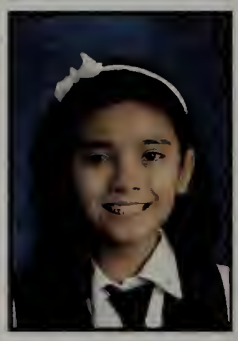
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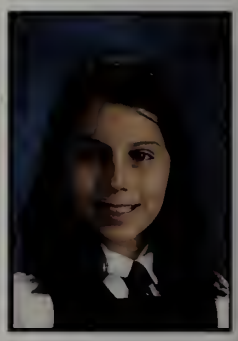
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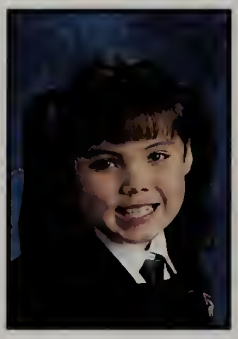
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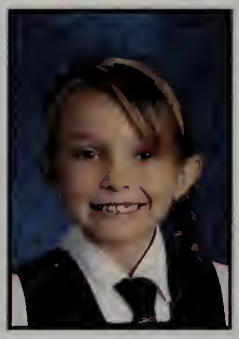
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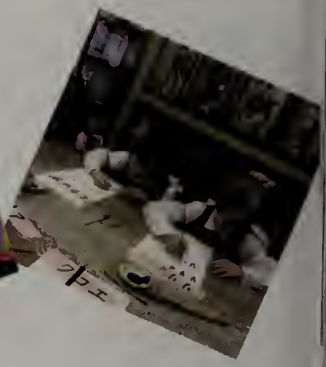

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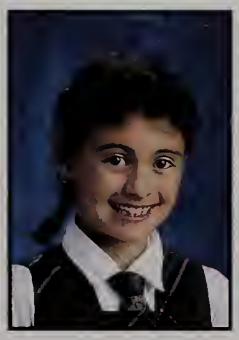
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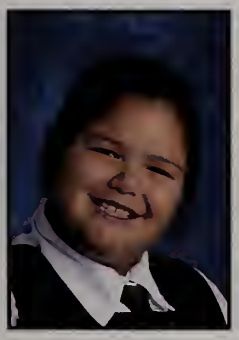
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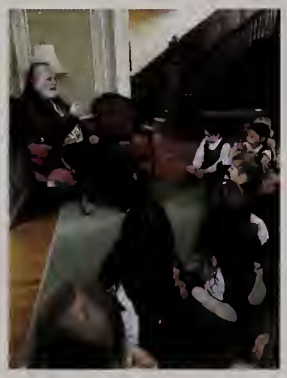

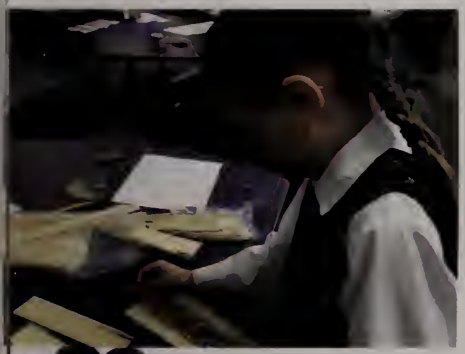

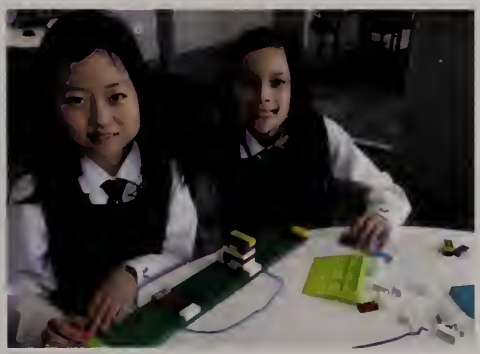

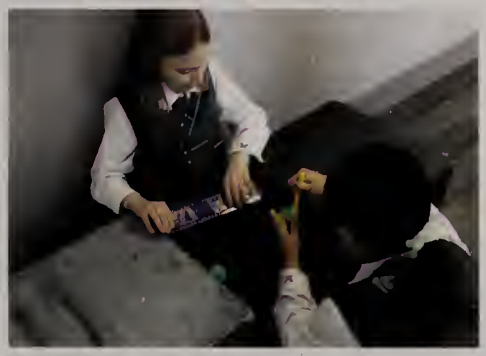

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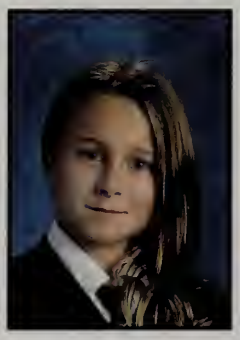
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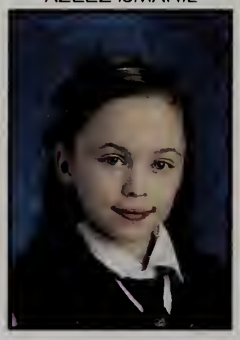
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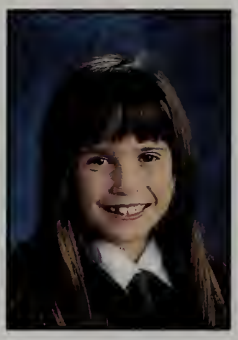
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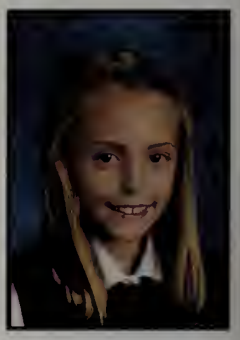
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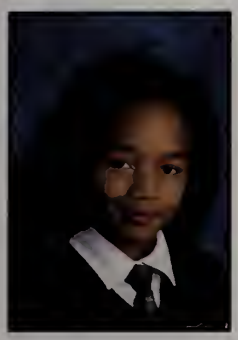
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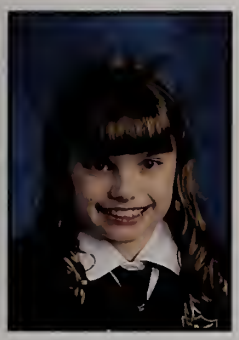
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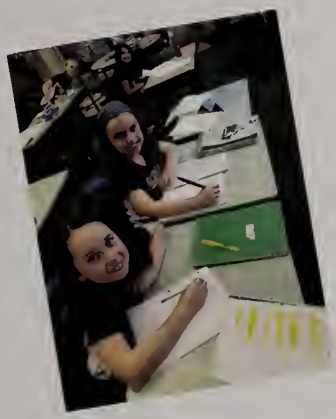

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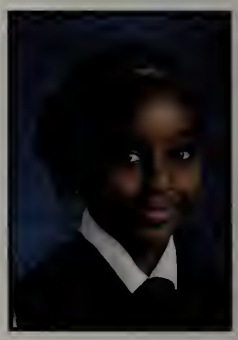
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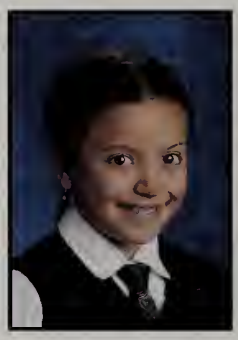
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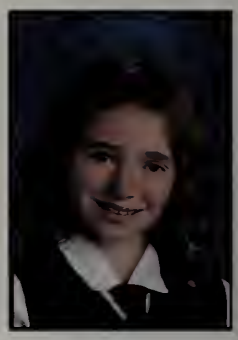
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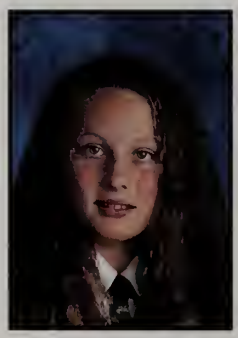
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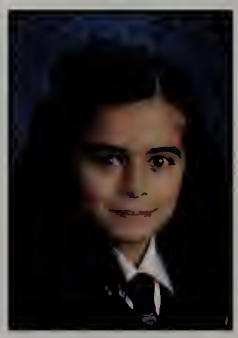
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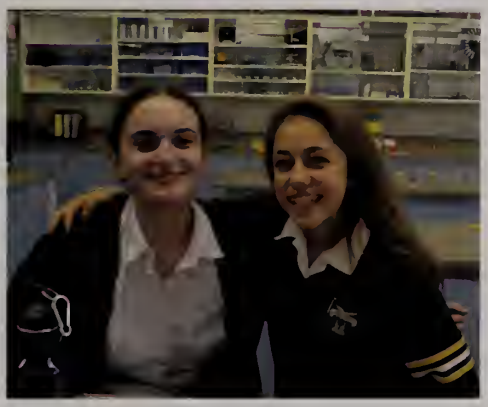

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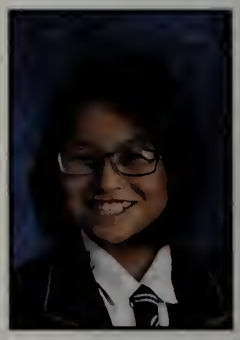
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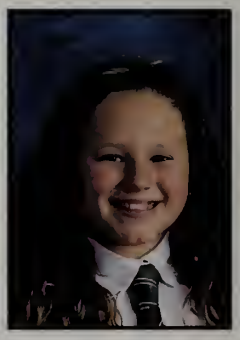
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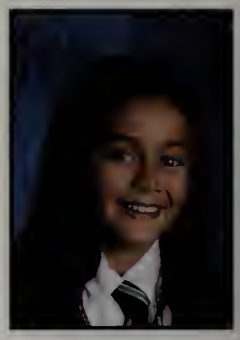
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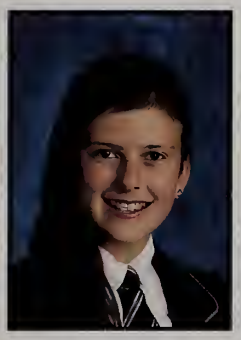
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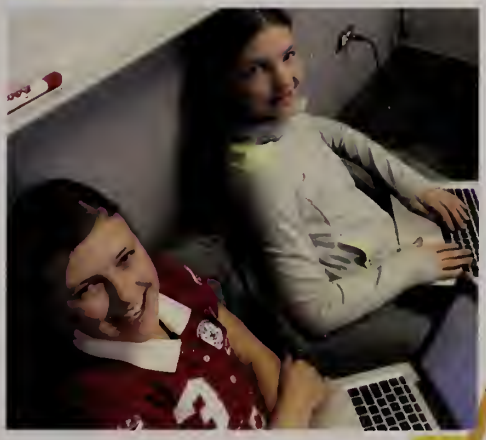

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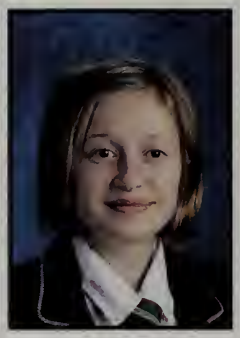
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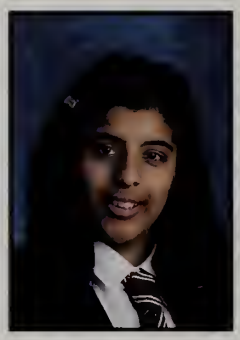
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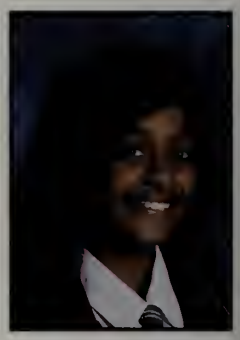
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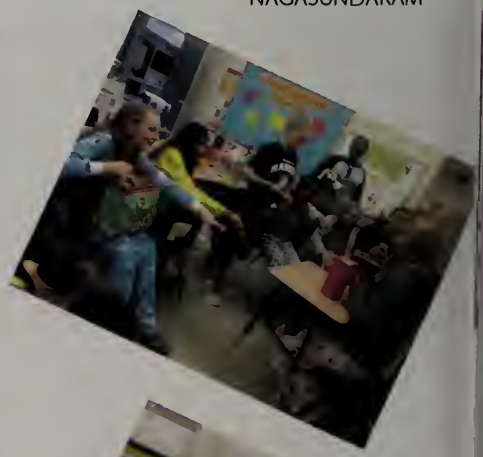

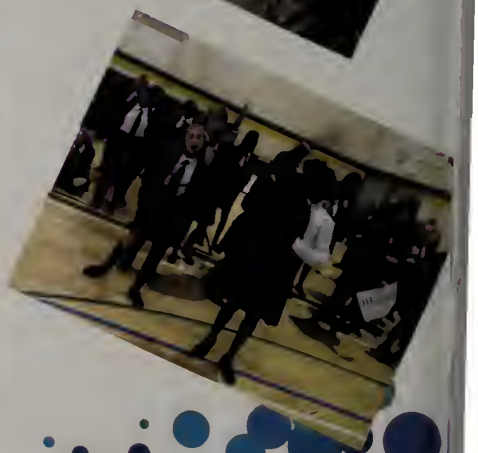

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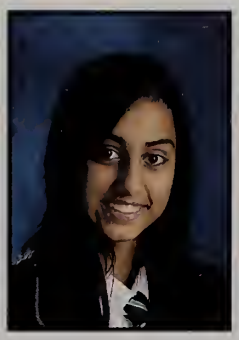
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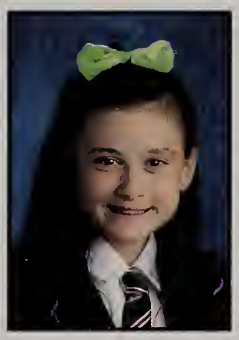
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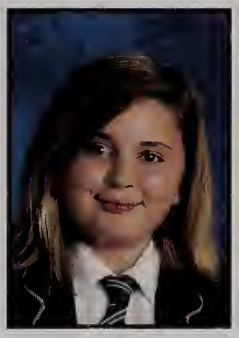
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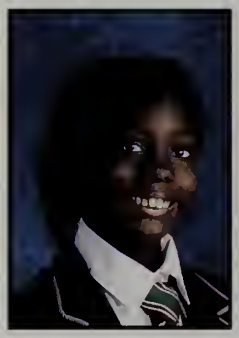
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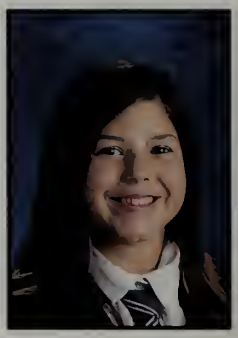
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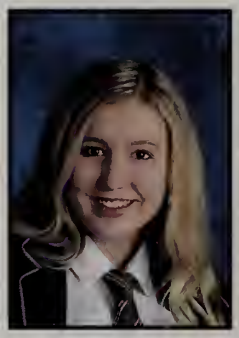
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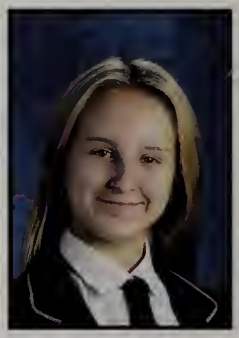
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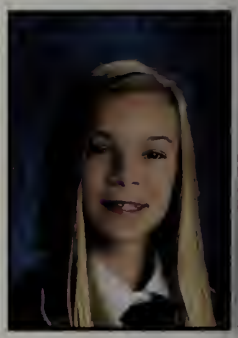
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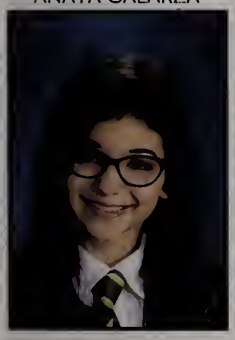
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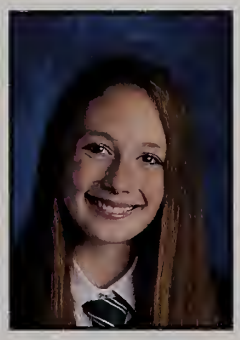
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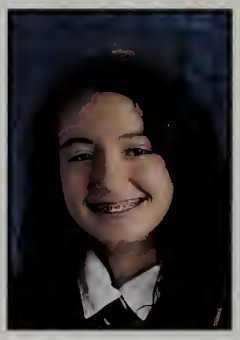
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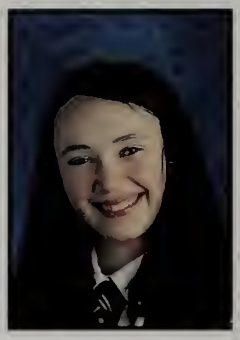
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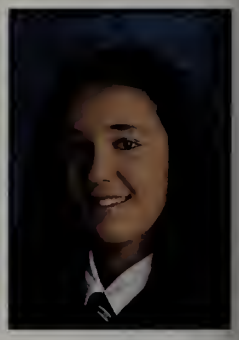
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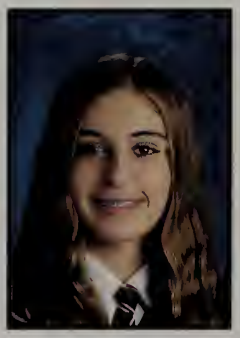
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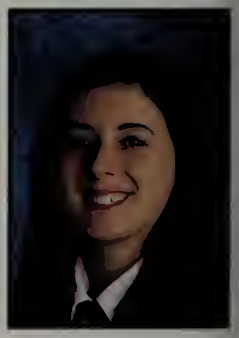
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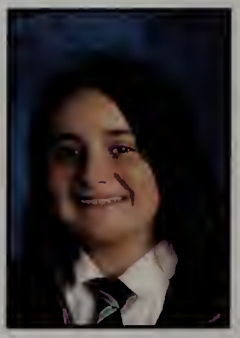
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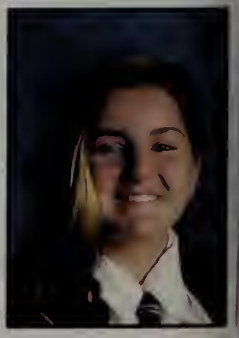
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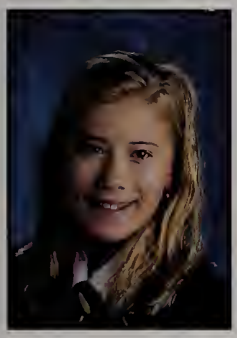
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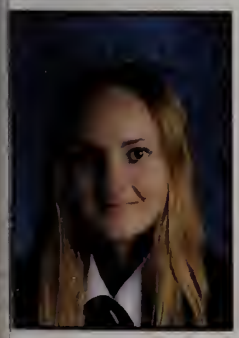
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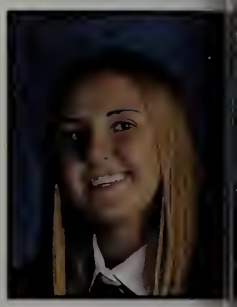
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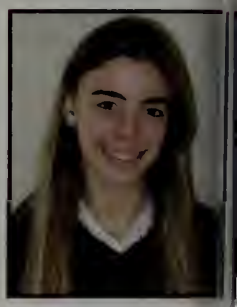
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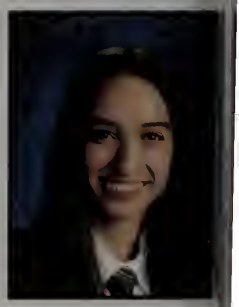
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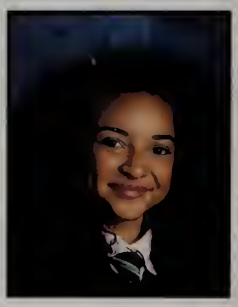
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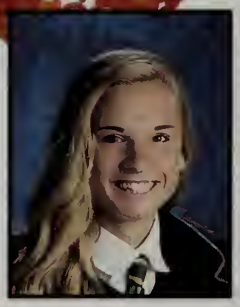
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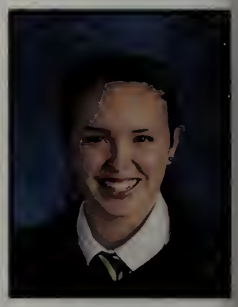
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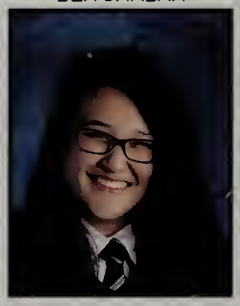
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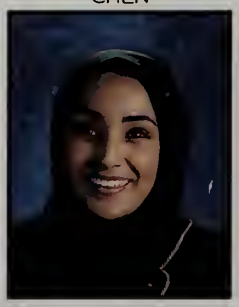
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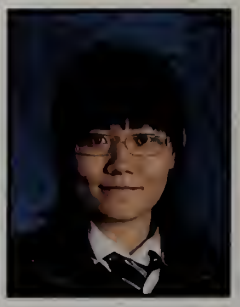
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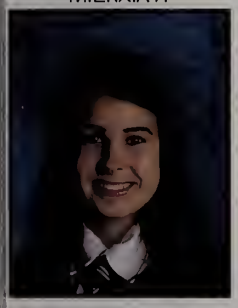
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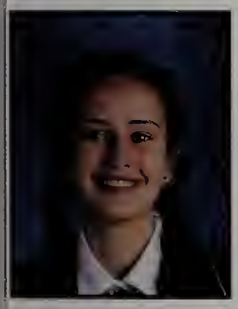
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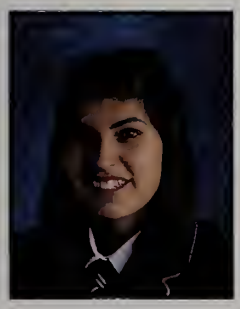
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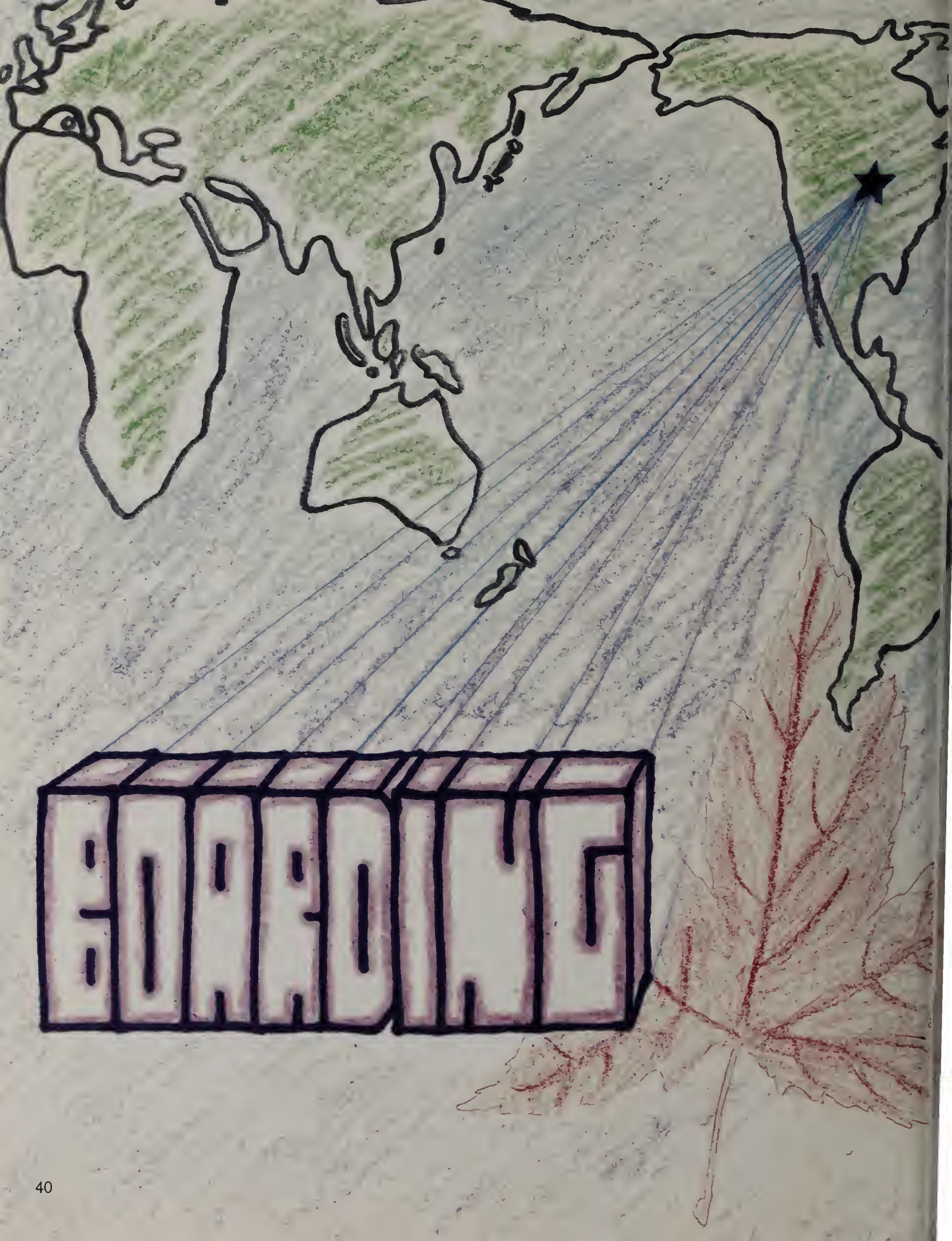
BOARDING

Katharine Bezte

I am delighted to be this year's Rez Prefect! I joined the amazing BH family in grade 7. When my parents moved to Las Vegas, I decided I wanted to stay and graduate from BH and so, in grade 10, I became a rezzie for the first time. I immediately felt part of the BH boarding family. I feel lucky to have had the chance to get to know all of the staff and students in boarding. I want to wish everyone the best of luck in their futures and encourage everyone to aim for infinity and beyond in whatever your future plans are!
Katie Bezte '16

Residence Prefect

Bin Dong Jiang
Director of Residence

It has been such a wonderful experience working and living in boarding this term. I remember my own days studying away from home. I not only learned a great deal about many different cultures and accepting diversity, I also learned a lot about myself and my abilities.

Congratulations all boarders, you did it! Sometimes it might be a little bit challenging and you might not even realize how much you accomplished this year, but you pushed yourself to get involved in a wide variety of activities, events, athletics and arts within our school and the wider community. You developed friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. You cooperated with people from diverse cultural backgrounds and, in turn, you developed a better understanding of yourselves. You cultivated a sense of independence and self-awareness that will help you face any situation with great confidence. You came out of your comfort zone to try many new things, including: making a perfect Chinese dumpling even though you've never been to China before in your life, getting up from the ice just like a pro without having any skating experience, singing and dancing in the boarding concert despite being frequently off pitch and going canoeing and kayaking even though you didn't even know how to swim! You always take risks and challenge yourself to go to infinity and beyond. We are all very proud of you, boarders!

To those who are leaving us, we wish you all the best and boarding has been a better place with you here. For those who are with us next year, I hope you have an awesome summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

ROOMMATES 2015/2016

Anna Ueda, Dong Ni (Nicole) Xie, Jia Yun (Crystal) Ding

Mariana Anaya Galarza , Romina Autrique, Fegor Onatere

Heye (Kathy) Liu, Rocio Gonzonlez Guitart
Missing: Yu Han (Angela) Wang

Nao Makiyama, Xin Wei (Gloria) Hu, Shu Yu (Jessica) Duan, Cecilia Padilla

Miri Hagiwara, Shu Yu (Christine) Fan, Ru Jia (Bella) Li
Missing: Ying Ning (Rosie) Deng

Jimena Sanchez Henkel, Melissa Elizondo Garza, Ashley Stanley, Ana Ueda,

Jiun Ting (Dania) Lin Lu, Ximena Velasco del Rio, Kae Emoto, Si Wen (Nancy) Shen,

Hai Yu Zhang, Regina Rojo Martinez, Yi Yang (Ella) Yu

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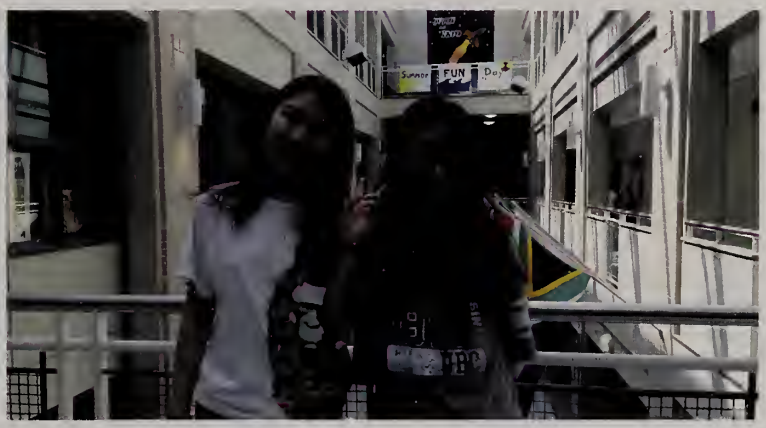

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Sophia Man, Abbey Bowley, Jenelle Manitowabi

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Everything I needed to Know about

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I Learned in

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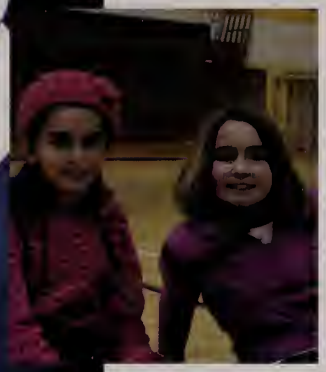
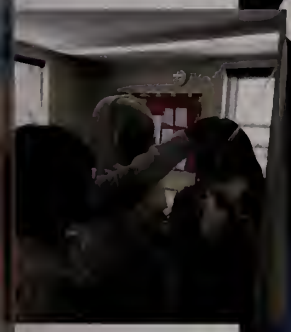
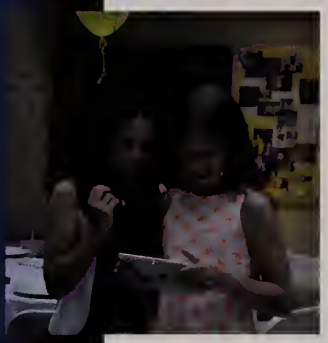
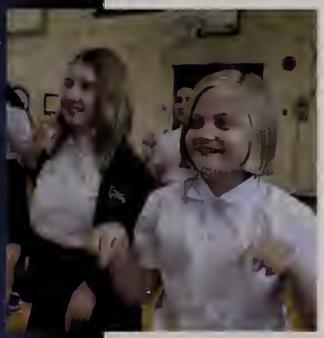
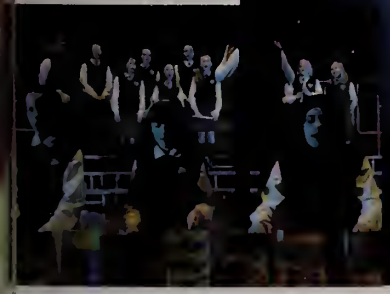
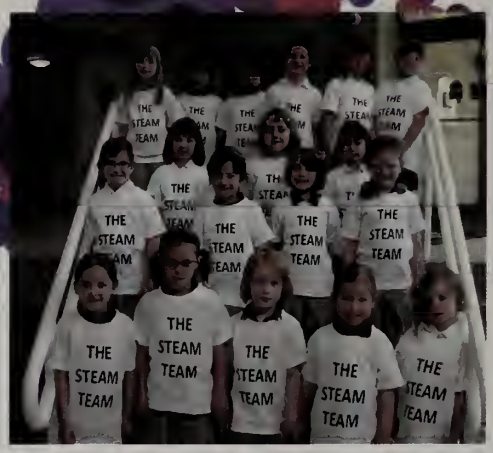


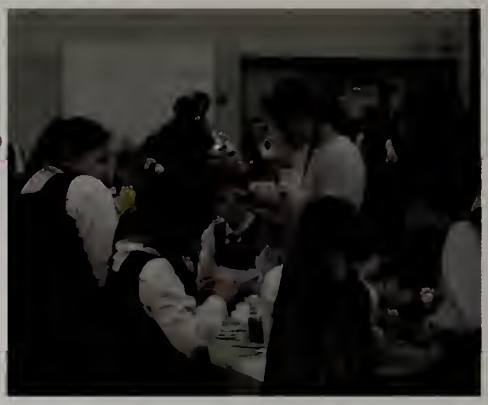
Think before you act.
Use things for the correct purpose.
Don't get addicted.
Stay calm when it doesn't work properly.
Don't share personal information.
Know the risks and dangers.
Be safe.
Respect the rights of others.
Ask for help when needed.
Use your time wisely.



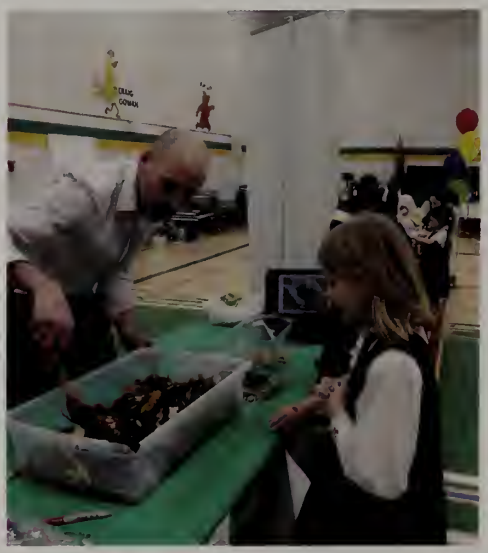
Above: Kindergarten students displayed their new STEAM Team shirts



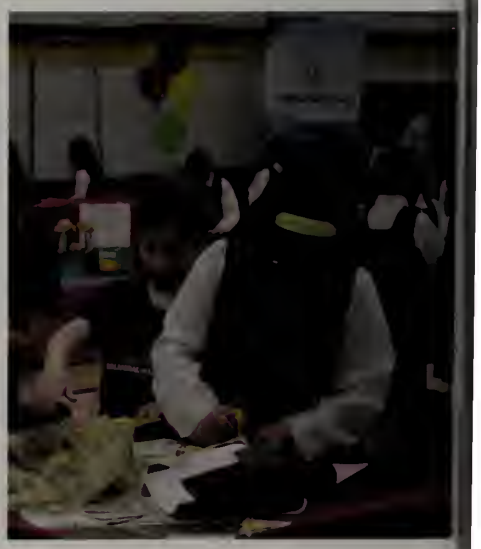
Above: Students from different grades worked collaboratively to make bird feeders from Cheerios

Above: Students worked to maneuver Spheros through a city maze

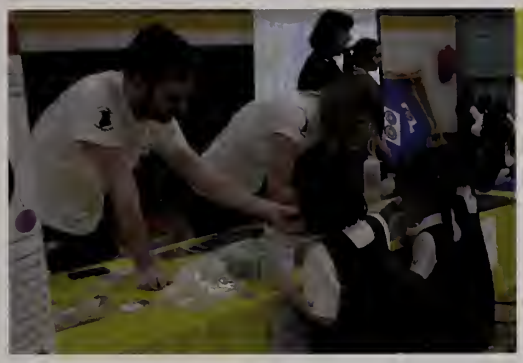
Above: Alice Christopher and So' Lanna Dallaire showed off their nutritious food before eating it



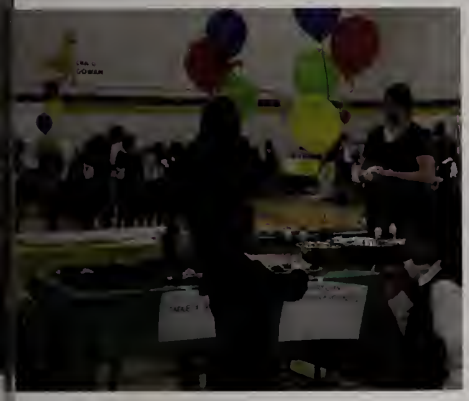
Above: Leah Lins learned about composting



Above: Sydney Anderson and Chloe Mathew constructed journals from recycled materials



Above: Siena Bater and Vitaly Yargas learned about Manitoba pulses and beans
Left: Lyla Gompf and Kate Bru enjoyed the build-your-own veggie pizzas



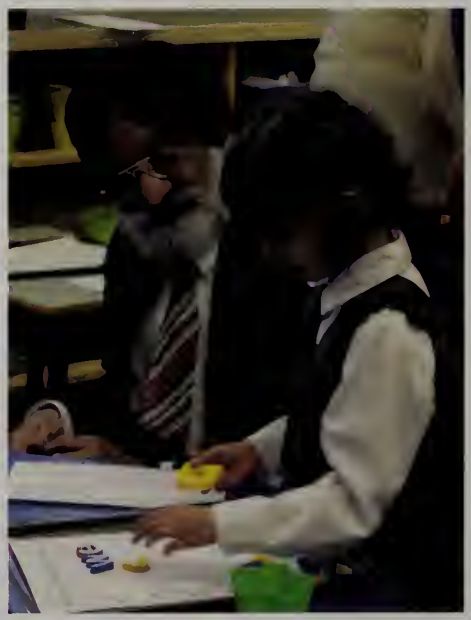
Above: Students enjoyed smart city snacks
Below: Emily Prayag and Leah Lins showed off their rooftop gardens

STEAM Festival

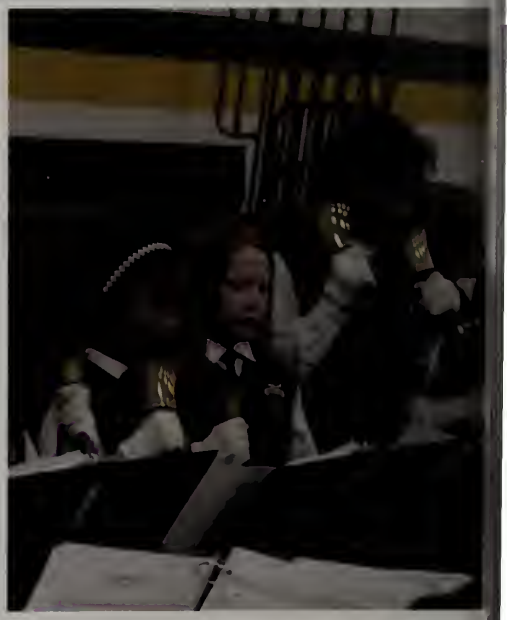
In the words of some of our BH Junior School students "The STEAM festival was awesome, fun and so interesting!" Students began their day with presentations on how to develop "Smart Cities" with bike and walking paths, road safety, and traffic systems. The afternoon included displays in Richardson Hall Athletic Centre, STEAM activities, and "Smart City" food samples. STEAM activities included: wind turbines, vertical gardens, discovering natural honey, creating innovative marble runs, pinwheels, wire creations, and many, many more stations. Students were able to choose their activities all afternoon as the dedicated staff, parents and presenters guided them through the stations.

Above: Victoria Young enjoyed an afternoon with her grandparents

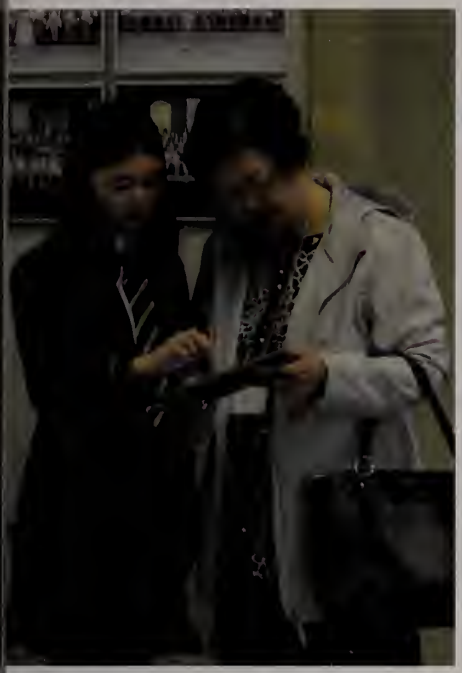
Harsheen Sidhu showed her guest a craft she was working on

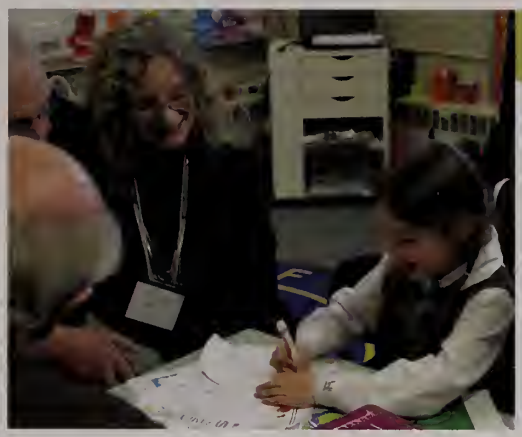


Sonia Atwal spent the day with her guest



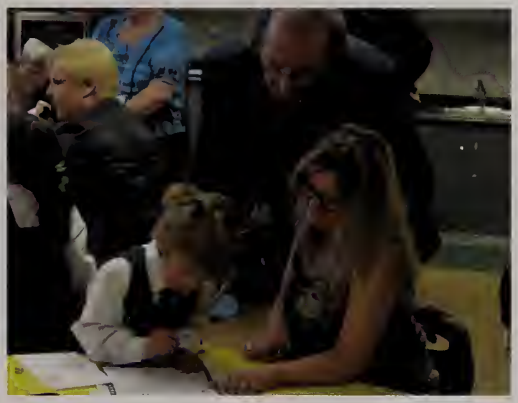
Asmara Azeez Ismahil, Emily Cuvelier and Valentina Anang played "Morning Has Broken" with the Grade 4/5 Blazer Bell Club

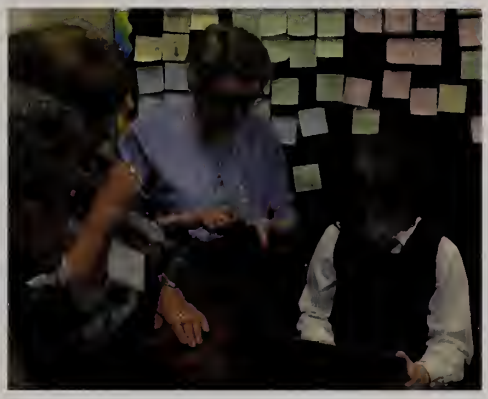




Above: Brannagh Rae worked with her guests on a project

Above: Gabriella Nowicki played the violin as guests were seated for lunch

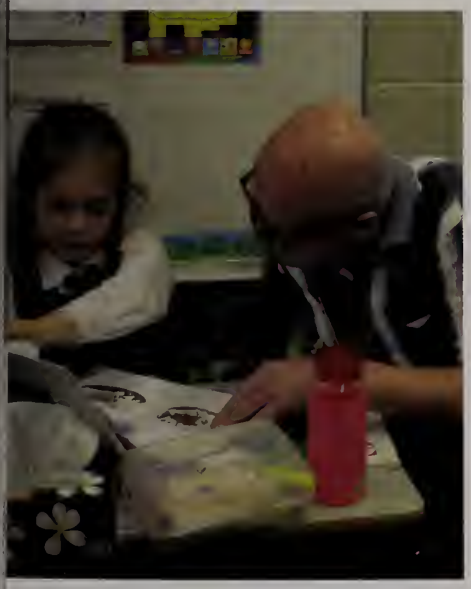




Above: The Grade 8s performed their rendition of Mambo No. 5
Below: Cassidy White showed her art work to her guest

Above: Poppy Nyznyk got help on her classroom work from her guests

Above: Sienna Bater showed off her technology skills to her guests



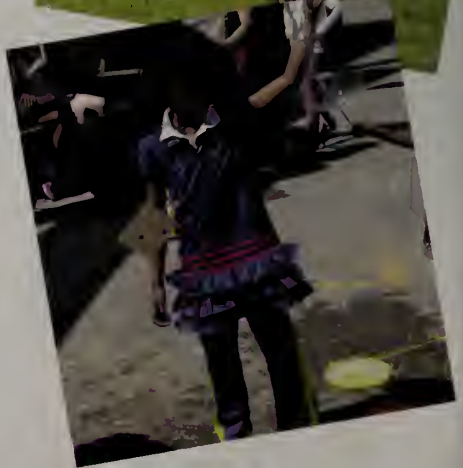
Grandparents' Day

Friday, April 29 was a day dedicated to opening the doors of BH to loving Grandparents and honoured guests. Family and friends gathered together for lunch and special performances from students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12. After lunch, the guests dispersed into the classrooms to see what the girls had been working on for the last year. Overall, this was a day to remember for people of all ages in the BH community.

Above: Bella-Sophia Rogers played bean bag toss with the grade 3 students

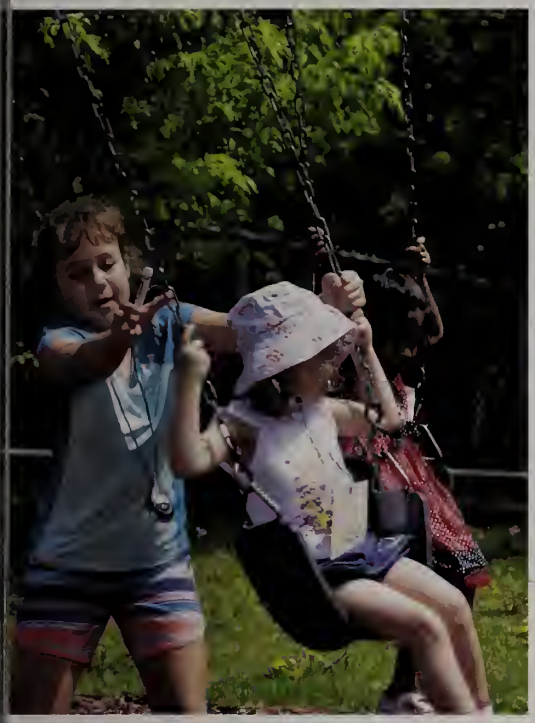
Above: Solara Kalic and Isla Downey enjoyed snacks and refreshments

Above: Brynn McConnell explained the rules to Sara Gatin and Lauren Lawless

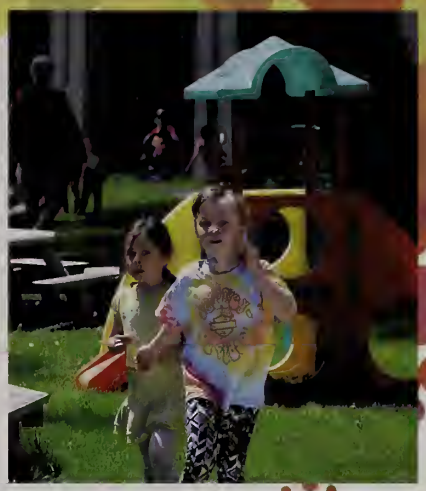


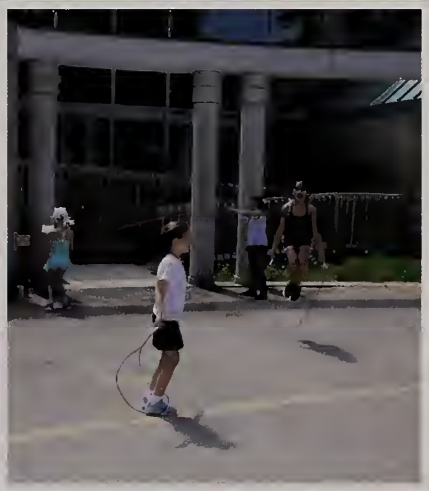
Sports Day

Sports day is a yearly event for junior school students. The Grade 4 and 5 students use their leadership skills to run nearly 30 different stations including running races, parachute play, hockey, soccer, beanbag toss, croquet, yoga and more. All students from junior kindergarten to Grade 3 participate in the stations throughout the afternoon. All participants work on completing their passport card in hopes of earning enough house points to win the Sports Day trophy. Beautiful weather and enthusiastic students made this years sports day a big success!

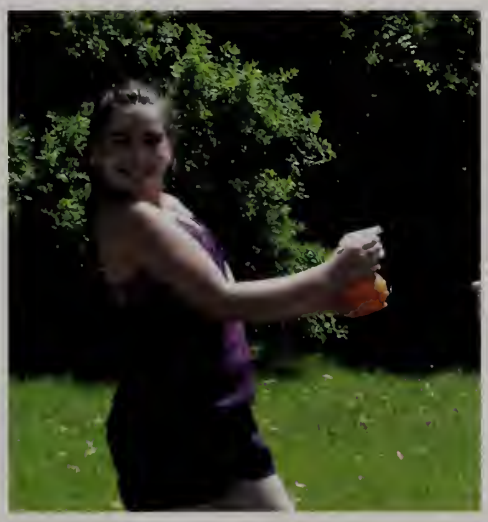


Left: Janet Venditi balance a pylon on her head

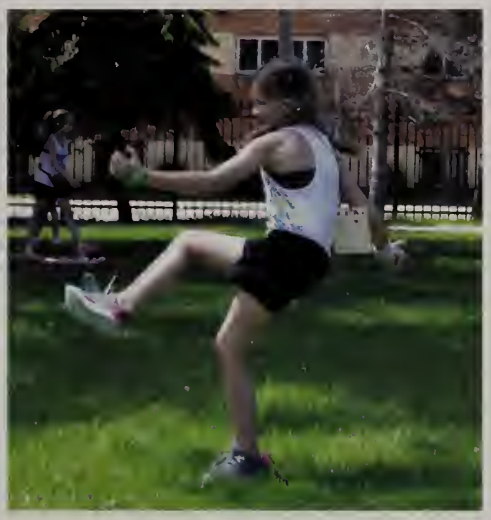




Zara MacDougall bounced through the field

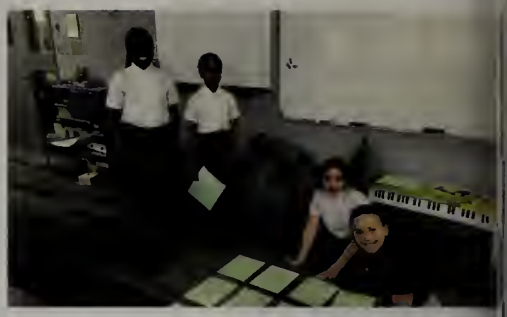


Kirsten Drexler was ready with her water sprayer



Ayla Nguyen worked hard to keep her balance

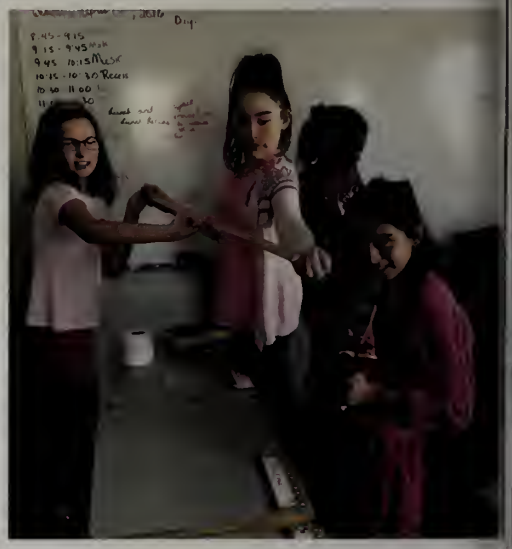
Above: Megan Burns, Katherine Robinson, Scarlett Andrew and Hope Hinchey worked with Spheros



Above: Katia Djomo Wongep, Makeda Davis, Kirsten Drexler and Ella Dawe displayed their project
Below: Katherine Robinson, Janeve Gaumond, Katia Djomo Wongep and Alyssa Kalaitzakis took measurements for their project

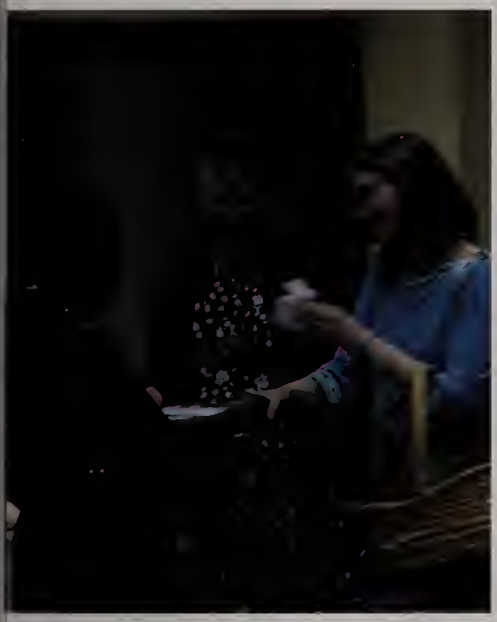
PYP Exhibition

This year's Grade 5 exhibition explored how we could use Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics (STEAM) to communicate and solve problems. In preparation, they took a field trip to Manitoba Hydro, created Rube Goldberg machines and used screwdrivers to take apart old and broken machines. They also raised money for prosthetic limbs by holding a STEAM carnival to collect funds. As the Grade 5 girls said, "It was a hit!"



Above: Claire Cockerill, Brooklyn Watkins and Ella Dawe planned their Rube Goldberg machine
Right: Grade 5 participants of the PYP exhibition visited the Manitoba Hydro building

Above: Brooklyn Watkins, Isabella Hirayama, Kameron Chan, Annika Miller and Elizabeth Butler waited in anticipation for their dinner to arrive



Grade 5 Celebration

This year's grade five celebration started with a family reception and pictures. We then went inside for our special dinner. After the main course, we were invited to make our own ice cream sundaes... delish! Mrs. Steek, Mrs. De Lande and Mrs. Osborne presented us each with a pin from the school and posters specially made by the grade nines. Each of us said a fond farewell to our teachers who joined us on this memorable night.

By Kameron, Erika and Katherine

Above: Erika Handregan and Kirsten Drexler had a sweet spot for the ice cream station

Right: Brooklyn Watkins, Kameron Chan and Isabella Hirayama enjoyed the pasta and chicken

Above: Isra Elbarouni received her pin, commemorating the end of her time in Junior School

School Events

SeoYoon (Erin) Jeong

Senior School Captain

Hello, this is your Captain speaking. We've come to the end of our year and I just wanted to say what a blast our journey has been. From the Halloween flashmob, to the early morning/late afternoon frustration fueled sessions of hanging balloons across the atrium, it's been good. I'd like to thank my fellow prefects for being headstrong and confident and being the greatest group of friends anyone could ask for. I'd like to thank the staff for graciously being subjected to relentless complaining, pieing of the face, trivia quizzing and mandatory dancing. And finally, a huge thanks to the students. You guys came out and participated in our events with enthusiasm. This enthusiasm made our year go to infinity and beyond!

Middle School Captain and Green Prefect

Madelaine Baigrie

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be your School Captain and Green Prefect for the 2015 - 2016 school year. This year has been a wonderful year filled with so many memories: movie night, camp, spirit week, Rick Mercer and loads of other great times with great friends. Without the help of Ms. Green and the teamwork of my fellow Prefects and Student Council, the events of this year would not have been possible. It seems like just yesterday the prefect team was working together to create the new theme for the school year and planning our first assembly. Being a prefect has taught me about leadership and planning. It has also been an amazing and fun experience that I will never forget. Thank you to everyone for making this year a fantastic year. Keep going, "To Infinity and Beyond," and best of luck in the new school year!

Science Fair

Science Fair is an annual project for the Grade 8 students. They work for months asking questions, collecting data, performing experiments, recording results, taking photos and summarizing it all in their final reports. The projects were viewed and evaluated by judges from the BH community and the top-scoring projects were selected to go to the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium. The Grade 8 students worked very hard and showed great results!

Above: Lily Stewner presented her project, "Now You See Me, Now You Don't"
Below: Emma Hafenbrak explained her project on DNA and genetics

Above: The Grade 8 students who represented BH at the Manitoba Schools Science Symposium: (top row) Madeline Ritter, Madelaine Baigrie, (middle row) Karen Jensen, Portia Topnik, Natasha Hofer, Brianna Ritter, (bottom row) Irina Znamirowski, Payton Watkins, Lindsay Cogan and Emma Hafenbrak

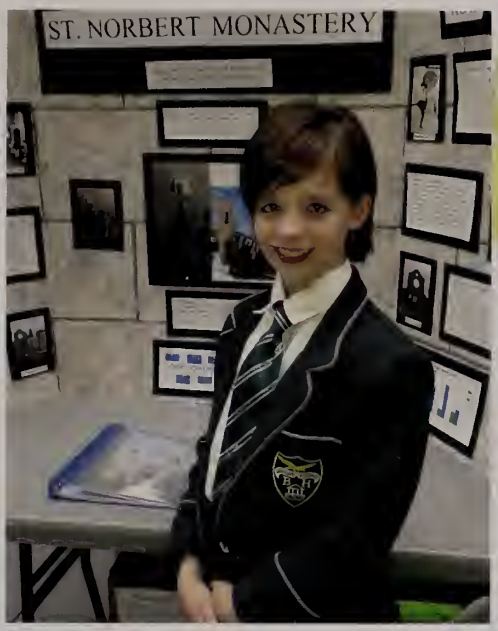
Right: Charlotte Kowall presented her project, "Breathe In, Breathe Out"

Above: Lindsay Cogan with her project, "The Stroop Effect"

Above: Hannah Friesen with her completed backboard on grain farming

Above: Amelie Malo studied her family history as part of her heritage project

Above: Stephanie Jordan and Kennedy Campbell presented to the judges
Below: Razan El-Gaaly and Lucy MacDougall showed off their projects

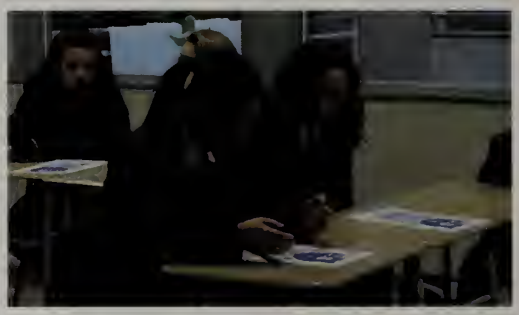


Left: Lucy Christopher presented her project, "The St. Norbert Monastery: Then and Now" at the Balmoral Hall Heritage Fair
Below: Heritage Fair finalists (back) Mya Sareen, Lauren King, Sophie Schwartz, Sarah Mathew, (front) Amelie Malo and Lucy Christopher

Heritage Fair

Heritage Fair is an annual event where the Grade 6 students share their knowledge on a variety of historical, Canadian topics. Each student researched a topic of their choice, summarized their results and created a presentation. Project topics ranged from the Halifax Explosion to the Grey Nuns. Students took a great deal of time to present their information both visually, on backboards, and orally to judges.

Above: Rosie Deng talked to the Grade 9 students about gender equality



Above: Lia Loewen discussed sexism and feminism with her classmates
Left: Mia Battad, Barrett Arbour, Marina Levit and Avery Fletcher performed their slam poetry
Below: Kirsten Benidickson, Claire Meier and Rachel Bernhardt

International Women's Day

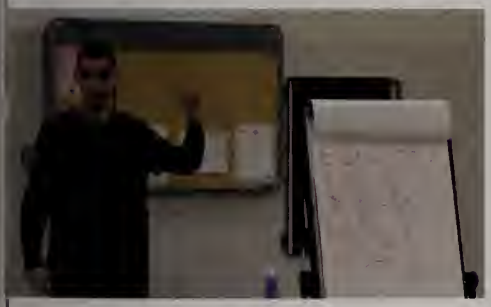
BH's first International Women's Day event brought awareness to issues faced by females around the world. The morning began in the gym with a Nellie McClung monologue, which was followed by breakout sessions led by Girls for the World members on topics including girls education and gender equity. The event concluded with a poetry slam. It was an eye-opening and educational experience for all.

Above: Miya Speiss and Dores Shenouda guided younger grades through a human board game

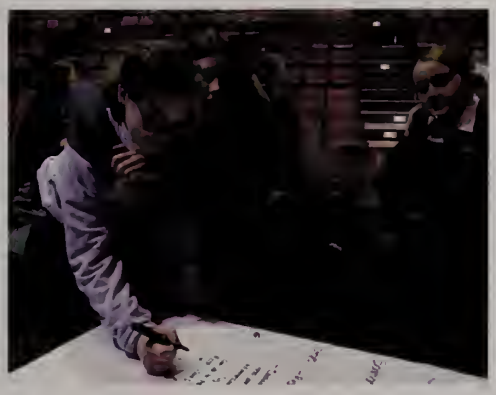
Above: Charlene Bearhead spoke about reconciliation
Left: The Grade 6 students enthusiastically answered Michael Redhead Champagne's questions

Equity Conference

On February 17th, Balmoral Hall School hosted its inaugural Equity Conference focused on Indigenous people. This was organized to give students opportunities to gain a better understanding of reconciliation, language and culture. Senior school students spent all day rotating through breakout sessions facilitated by Indigenous leaders. To close the conference, students gathered to reflect on the messages and information presented throughout the day.



Above: Keynote speaker, Michael Redhead Champagne used an illustration to show the meaning of equity to the students
Right: Maya Schwartz, Anais Casselman-Green and Alexandra Blake participated in a take action activity



Above: Students wrote messages of hope for the future of reconciliation on stones

Ski Trip

This year, grade 8-12 students went to Asessippi Ski Area & Resort for a three-day and two-night ski trip. The students piled onto the buses in the afternoon and traveled north of the city to the hill. When the students arrived in Asessippi, they were excited to get fitted for their gear and hit the slopes. There was an abundance of first time skiers and snowboarders as well as more experienced ones. Students battled through the cold weather and sore muscles from practicing their skills on the slopes. Overall, it was a great time and the girls can't wait to go back next year!

Above: Jimena Sanchez Henkel and Ana Maria Valde la Vallina Mercado took a break at the bottom of the hil
Below: Jenny Wu and Ella Yu celebrated the success of their first time skiing

Above: Jimena Sanchez Henkel, Payton Watkins, Mila Slutchuk, Jovy Taruc, Lily Stewner, Grace Speirs and Emma Hafenbrak were ready to tackle the mountain
Right: Alice Ma geared up for a day of snowboarding

Above: Grace Speirs practiced her skills on the ski hill

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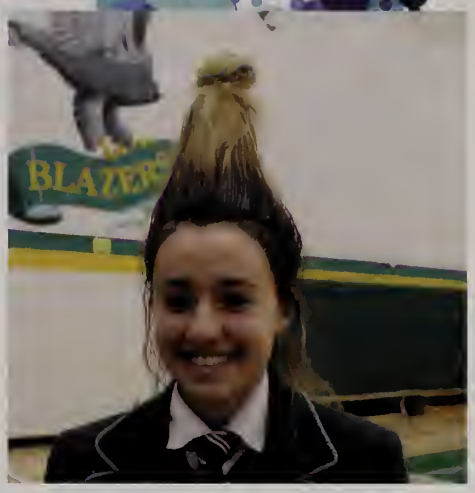
Above: Erin Jeong, Paris Musaphir, Sari Glow, Sara Ali and Kim Hurst all cuddled under their comfiest blankets during Spirit Week



Right: Mackenzie Bayrak-Newton sported crazy hair for Crazy Hair Day

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Spirit Week

Spirit Week takes place at the end of second term each year. It helps to add warmth and spirit to the chilly winter months. The prefects brought all the grades together to compete in fun-filled competitions during flex and homeroom. Activities included sumo wrestling, a student vs teacher Reach for the Top competition and grade wars. This year, BH also had the pleasure of hosting Rick Mercer after winning the Spread the Net challenge, which raised money to help prevent the spread of Malaria. This year's spirit week sure brought a lot of school spirit and pride!

Above: Lucy Christopher took a leap of faith in the ropes course

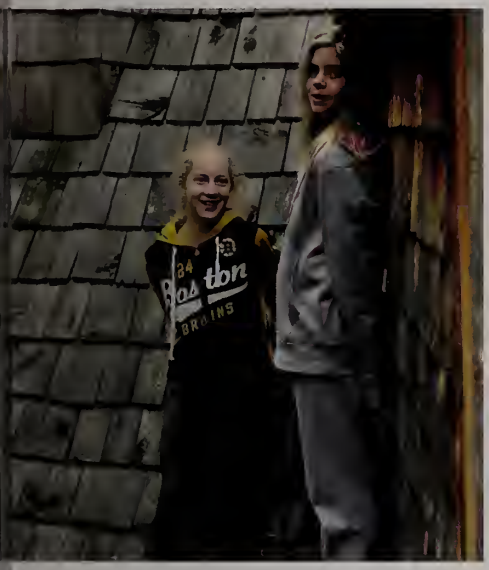
Left: Kennedy Campbell climbed high on the rock wall
Below: Lauren Haverick, Hannah Friesen, Jordan Campbell and Breanna Roussin bonded at camp

Camp Arnes

Early one September morning, 23 girls piled into the bus, on route to Camp Arnes! When they arrived at camp, the sixth graders rushed to see their cabins. After unpacking, they enjoyed some fun activities such as fire building, bannock making, swimming, zip-lining, human foosball and playing on the structures and in the field. They enjoyed some delicious meals and had lots of fun exploring nature. All of the Grade 6's enjoyed their experience and cannot wait for camp next year!

Above: Hope Johnson, Maya Sareen and Kaylee Nguyen goofed off at the playground during their free time

Above: Ashley Stanley had a good time biking
Left: The grade 7's got ready to go Kayaking on the lake



Yurt Camp

The Grade 7 students took time in September to experience rock climbing, kayaking and mountain biking at Yurt Camp. They played a game inspired by the food chain, sang by the campfire, ate delicious food and bonded in their unique yurts. They got to get away from the busy city and enjoy quality time with friends in nature and without electronics.

Above: Aliya Ashique and Gabriela Todescan had a fun time kayaking on the lake
Right: The girls ran around while they played Food and Water

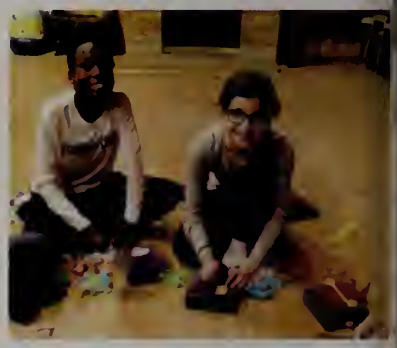
Above: Dalia Hassanin and Carrington Dong took a break from the activities

Camp Wannakumbac

The annual grade eight trek out to Camp Wannacumbak began early in the morning, as students loaded up into the bus. Once at camp, the girls enjoyed experiences like archery and campfires. Students spent their time bonding in the wilderness and doing fun activities. The grade eights had a grand time exploring nature and getting to know each other.

Above: Lily Stewner and Mariana Anaya Galarza tried to stay dry on their rock

Above: Natasha Hofer and Zoë Zaretzky roasted bannock over a campfire



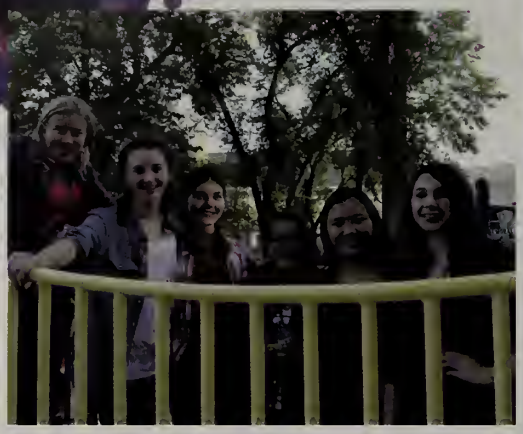
Above: Alexandra Davis and Lindsay Cogan felted
Left: Madeline Ritter, Eva Hagel-MacPherson, Lindsay Cogan, Grace Speirs, Jovy Taruc, Emma Hafenbrak and Lily Stewner had a great time at camp

Above: The group stopped for a photo on the shore of Hudson's Bay
Below left: Camryn Gauthier and Gabriella Nowicki enjoyed dog sledding
Below right: Chelsea Venevongsa, Kate Hokanson, Shannon Buckle, and Kendra Hamin loved meeting the sled dogs

Above: Jessica Sui and Logan Chubaty-Boychuk had a blast dog sledding
Below: Ella Yu collected a sample from Hudson's Bay

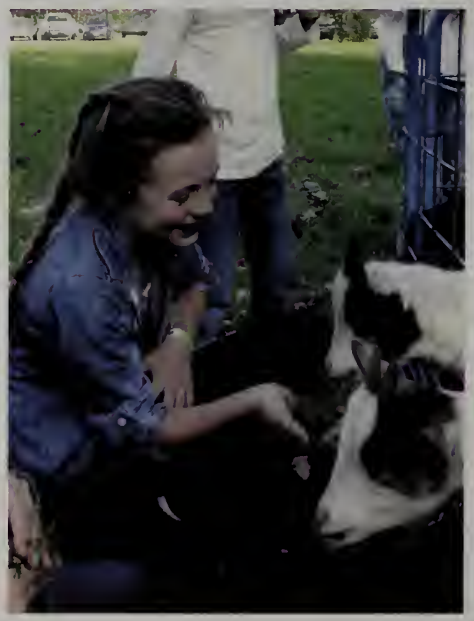
Churchill

Grade nine students participated in an amazing journey to Churchill this year. On day one, they went critter-dipping in Hudson's Bay and collected samples of live organisms to view under the microscope. The following day they took the Tundra Buggy to observe polar bears in their natural habitat. They saw thirteen polar bears in just one day! Students spent the afternoon dog sledding and shopping in town. The train ride home was a great time to share photos and stories. The trip to Churchill was a fantastic experience that they will never forget.



Above: Meghna Rajamohan and Amélie Malo enjoyed the delicious food the BBQ had to offer

Cassidy White happily ate her cotton candy

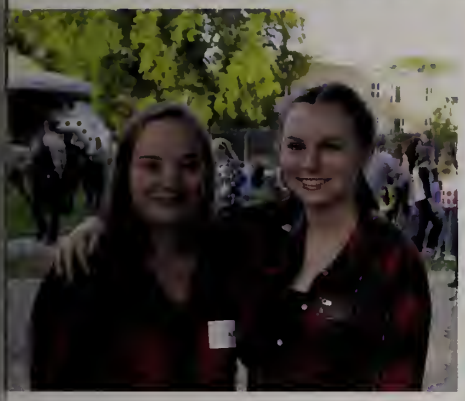


Grace Speirs interacted with the goats at the petting zoo

Caelan Nowicki, Nina Dhaliwal and Juliana West had balloon hats made for them

Above: Anais Casselman-Green, Maya Schwartz and Alexandra Blake spent some quality time with their mothers

Above: Mila Tielmann, Claire Venevongsa and Stephanie Jordan embraced the western theme with their cowboy attire



Above: Kim Hurst and Chloe Balog wore matching plaid shirts to their last BBQ
Below: Sydney Baley and Johanna Bruinooge ate some appetizing fries

Yahoo BBQ

The Yahoo BBQ was held at the beginning of the year. It was a fantastic event for the students, staff, families and friends that attended. Several stations were included, such as pony rides, a petting zoo, a photo booth, balloon animals, face painting and bouncy castles. The barbecue was organized by the BH Parent Association as a time for families to reconnect and meet new friends. Everyone had a fantastic time and as always, students, staff and parents cannot wait for next year's BBQ!

Above: Winonna Gabriel, Allison Hilliker, Fariba Ishrar and Mary McKeigan got to know each other

Above: The giant cheque was presented to Cancer Care Manitoba
Below: Middle school prefects lead the way with the annual banner

The childcare girls prepared for their own mini walk

Chelsea Krahenbil, Adi Groumoutis and Shabare Nagasundaram enjoyed the walk

Above: Morgan Dubyts and her buddy, Lyla Gomp, anticipated the fun times to come

Left: Mrs. Sveinson lead the school in the traditional warm-up dance before the walk

Below, Claire Meier has a blast during the rousing warm-up.

Above: The Chemo Savvy team held up their paddles for the girls to walk underneath

Girls for the Cure

Girls for the Cure is an annual event that raises awareness and funds for breast cancer research. The day started off with a talk from Tara Torchia-Wells, a breast cancer survivor. She talked about her own journey and the effects that cancer has on not only the patient but also the family. In the afternoon, the whole student body met for the kickoff events. These included a warm-up and a presentation from Chemo Savvy. After the kickoff, the walk began through the back doors of BH and ended at the Legislature where there were cookies, refreshments and entertainment. A donation of of nearly $16,500 was presented at the end to Cancer Care Manitoba. Overall, it was a great day!

Above: Mr. Cruickshank, Kim Hurst and Sara Ali displayed their culinary creations from Student/Teacher Top Chef on Multicultural Day

Above: Student Reach for the Top Team, comprised of Erin Jeong, Kim Hurst, Alexandra Blake and Samantha Machado, battled against the teachers team (above right) consisting of Mr. Kerr, Mr. Krymusa, Ms. Wilkes and Mr. Cruickshank

Above: Sara Ali and Cady Pavagadhi judged and kept time for the Reach for the Top tournament
Below: Emma Hafenbrak set the ball for her teammate

Staff vs. Students

This year, staff vs. student interhouses had a wide range of activities that included Reach for the Top and volleyball. While the teachers won against the Junior Competitive Volleyball team, they did not stand a chance against the senior Reach for the Top members. Other activities were Top Chef, The Newlywed Game and Staff vs Student Come On Over.

Above: The 2016 Spelling Bee
Below: Students and staff competed in The Newlywed Game

Above: The teacher volleyball team beat the junior competitive team
Left: Staff vs Students (with Rick Mercer) Come on Over

Above: Students, teachers and parents gathered in the gym for a Zumba session
Left: Violet May, Karlee Mestdagh, Mackenna Dyck and Alexa Stockl participated in guided relaxation

Wellness Day

In January, BH held its annual Wellness Day, dedicated to teaching everyone about healthy bodies and minds. The morning began with a series of sessions that taught students about how their minds connect to their bodies. The session topics included brain functions, learning new skills and feeding the brain. After a pop-up yoga session in the atrium and live music at lunch, the Wellness Day activities concluded with relaxation practice in the gym.

Above: Ms. Akerstream and Claire Mayberry learned about sign language
Right: Everyone enjoyed pop-up yoga in the atrium

Above: Middle and Senior School students gathered for relaxation

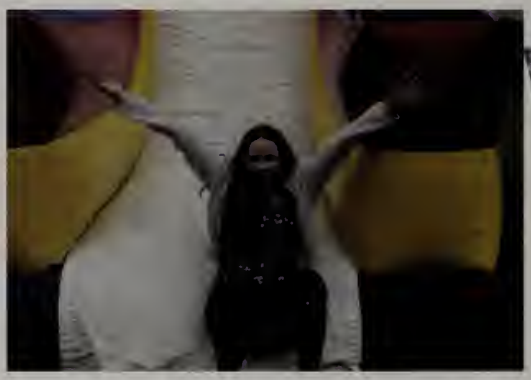
Above: Rebecca Lilly and her friends enjoyed playing human foosball, a popular activity at the walk

Above: The Grade 12's enjoyed their last St. Paul's walk.
Below: Maya Schwartz, Anais Casselman-Green and Emily Thompson had a great time with their friends at the walk.

St. Paul's Walk

St. Paul's Walk is an annual event hosted by St. Paul's High School to raise money for cancer research. On September 24th, senior students from Balmoral Hall School, St Mary's Academy and St. Paul's High School attended the walk. The walk lasted about two hours, taking students through the beautiful Assiniboine Park. The walk ended at St. Paul's where students enjoyed a talent show and participated in numerous exciting activities.

Above: Gloria Hu and Bella Li had a blast playing gladiator joust



Above: Shannon Buckle took a trip down the bouncy slide at her first St. Paul's Walk

Above: Senior School participants of the Mummy Wrapping contest
Left: Junior Kindergarten students looked adorable in their costumes

Halloween

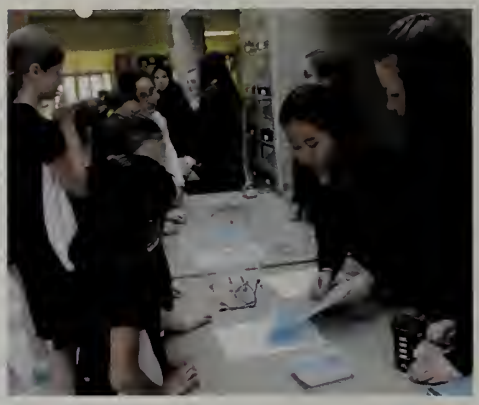
Spirited BH students got dressed for the spookiest day of the year. Middle and Senior School students started the day off with classroom-to-classroom trick-or-treating, where they got candies at every stop! After a delicious lunch, Junior School students switched into their costumes and paraded through the atrium for all to see. Cool afternoon activities in the gym kept the students entertained. Everyone enjoyed Halloween, and are looking forward to next year's celebration!

Above: Students and teachers had a flashmob in the atrium
Right: Jasmin Luszeck, Grace Speirs, Una Mayberry and Honor Hinchey sported black morph suits

Above: Mila Tielmann and Claire Venevongsa had extremely creative costumes

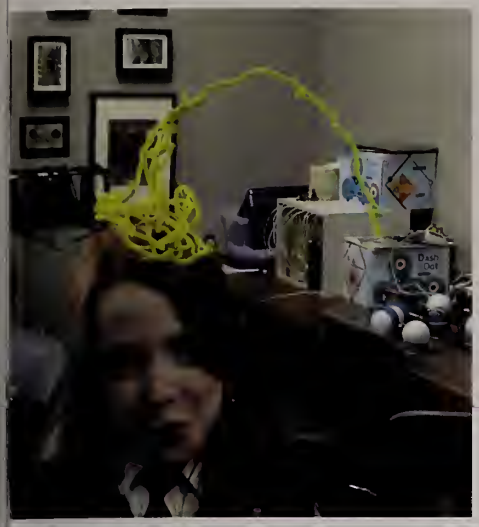
Above: Lucy Wang and Sophie Sun performed an experiment in AP Chemistry

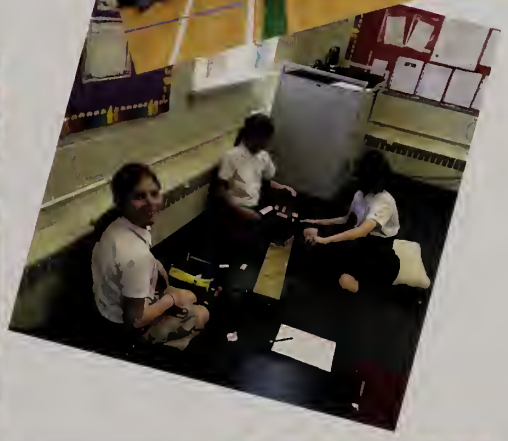
Above: Grade 11 AP Biology students attended the Brain Bee where Umema Rafay placed third overall



Science and Technology

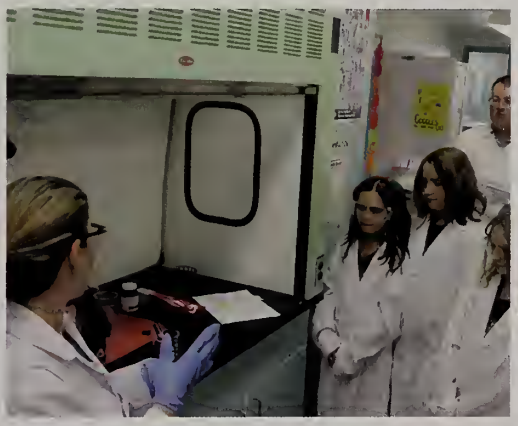
Science and technology have made their ways into the BH classrooms at every level. In Junior School, students worked with Spheros, explored the world of magic while studying forces of attraction and repulsion, went into nature to see the living world, visited the senior classes, and studied rocks, machines, stars, catapults and much more! Middle and Senior School students studied real bird skeletons, dyed eggs using only osmosis, learned to code and used the 3D printer. They also had an entire week dedicated to the study of forensics. The week started off with a lecture given by Dr. Peter Markesteyn and then continued with hair analysis, DNA fingerprinting and students got a chance to take their own fingerprints. Senior School students also expanded their knowledge throughout the year at the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba.





Above: Emily Cuvelier got creative in the Centre for Learning
Below: Junior school students raced Spheros

Above: Mia Battad, Olivia Wilde, Barrett Arbour, Ruolin Zhang, Caitlynn Nguyen and Savannah Aitken attended Computer Science Day at the University of Manitoba



Above: Select Grade 10 and 11 students attended the Science, Engineering and Technology day at the University of Manitoba

Above: Janet Venditti learned about science and technology

Above: Dr. Markesteyn gave the fourth annual Dr. W. Grant Beaton Lecture

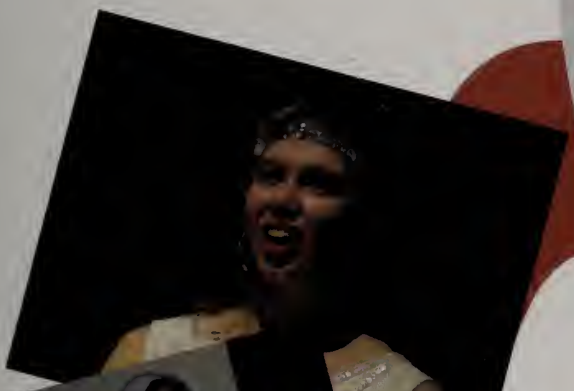
Anais Casselman-Green Gr.11

Alexandra Chubaty-Boychuk

Arts Prefect

t was another great year for the arts community at BH. I am so proud of each and every person who challenged themselves to go "To Infinity and Beyond" artistically this year, be it through our fantastic senior school musical "The Boy Friend," the wonderful Middle School Disney revue, the film festival, any means of truly astounding visual art or in your personal lives. I encourage all of you to embrace your inner actress, singer, filmmaker or artist and share your talents with the world. I have been honoured to be a part of this journey with you. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

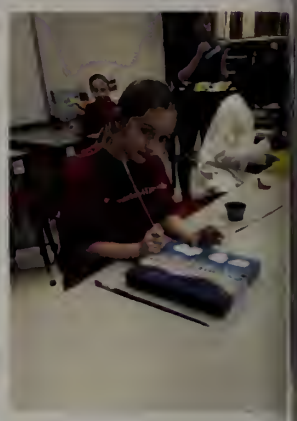
Alex Chubaty-Boychuk '16



Painting done for the Grade one Symbols of Peace Project

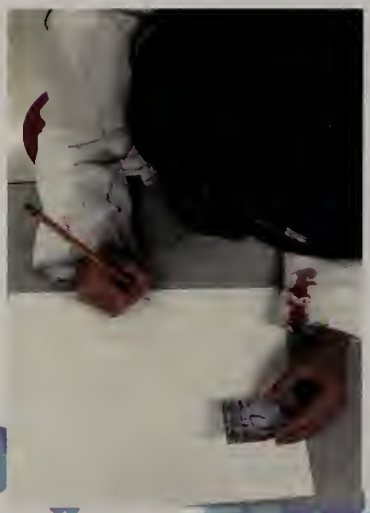
Isra Elbarouni and Brooklyn Watkins with their pinhole solargraphs

Brynn McConnell and Grace Olafson made Alexander Colder inspired wire sculptures



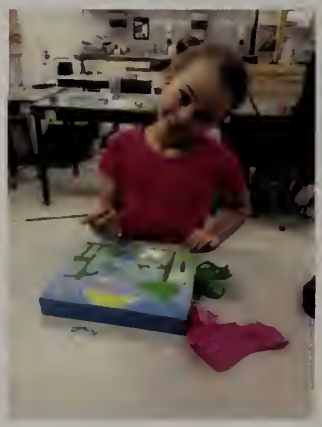
Elly Heimbecker painted an Ivan Eyre inspired painting

Junior School Visual Arts



Grade 4 Group of Seven inspired painting

Kindergarten Paper making



Stefanie Gatin worked on her Ivan Eyre inspired painting

A painting from the Grade one Symbols of Peace Project

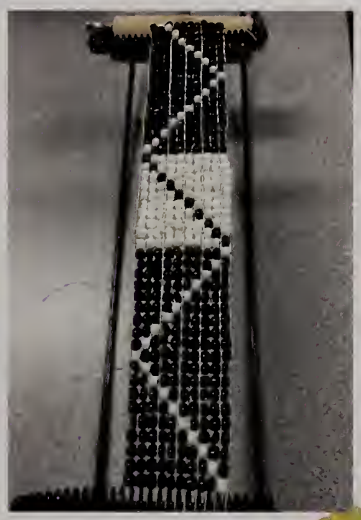
ophie Schwartz's stitch
memory project

Grade six film making project

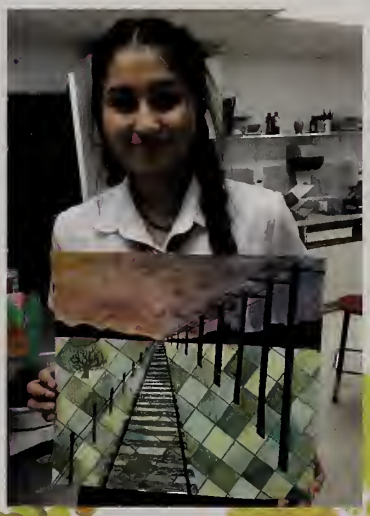
Above Left: Carrington Dong, Chelsea Krahenbil, Aliya Ashique and Adi Groumoutis turned the art room into a giant darkroom

Middle School Visual Arts

Ximena Anaya Galorza, Melissa Elizondo Garza and Ximena Velasco Del Rio painted the walls of the art room



Grade 8: Embrace the Grid final project



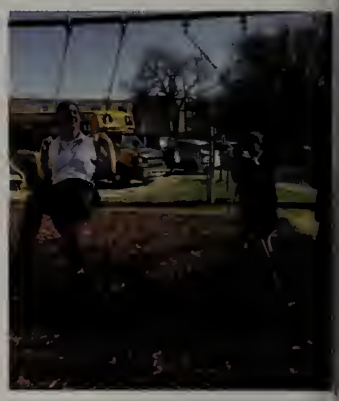
Saije Catcheway's grade 8 one-point perspective drawing

Lindsay Speirs, Malina Hutsebaut and Lia Loewen painted a bench

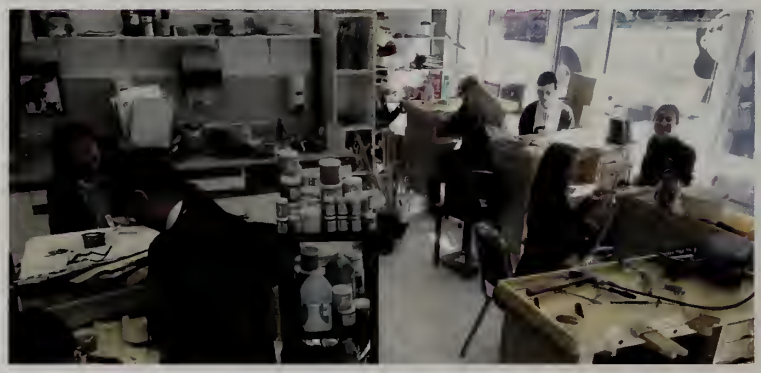
Freyja Kristjanson worked on her independent pointillism project

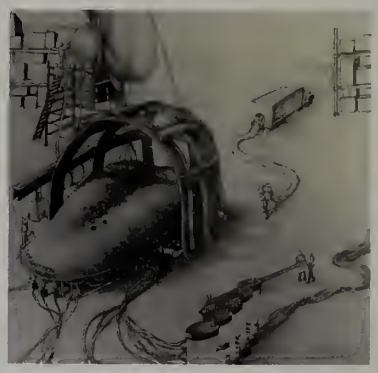
Karin Hamanaka's ring

Jennifer Sikora, Jessica Kirshner and Lora Hu created a motion picture



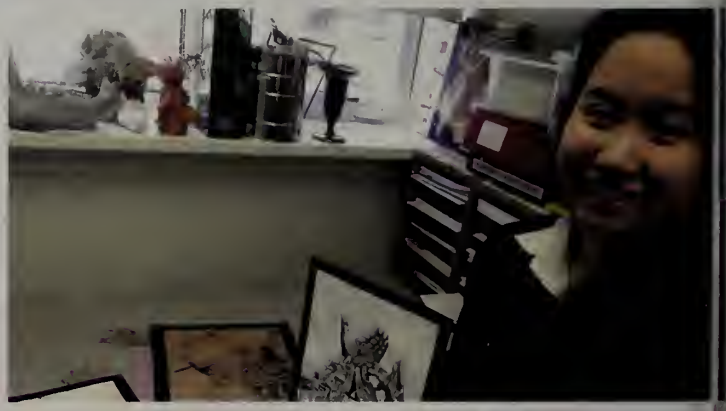
Senior School Visual Art

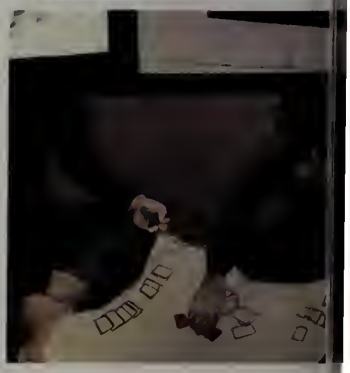




Above: The grade nines made jewelry
Below: Carolina Yedid, Amara Petker and Miya Speiss filmed a pixilation

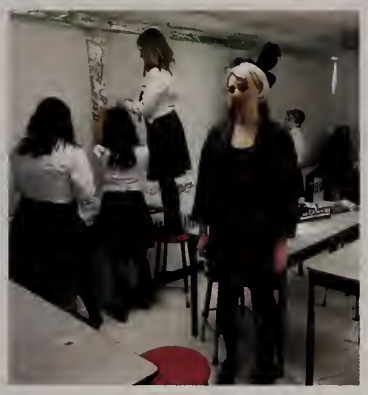
Left: Erin Jeong with her AP art portfolio





Lasha Mowchun taught grade 11/12 art

Lasha Mowchun and the grade sevens taped up the art room



Maria Akita and Natalie Cuvelier prepared to film

The grade sevens drew with light

Artists In The Schools

Below: Kira Ross and Emery Gosselin worked on their film "The Cursed CD"

Above: Lasha Mowchun and the grade fives worked with pinhole cameras in the greenhouse

Below: Students planned where to film their pixilation project

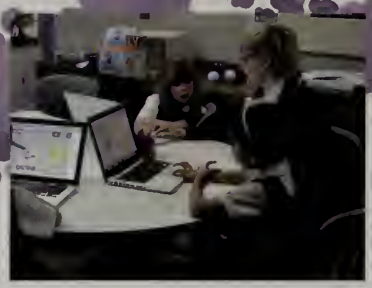
Below: Grade 6-8 light drawings

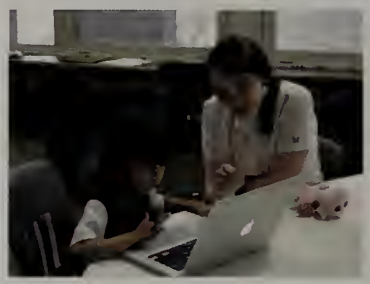
Below: Olivia Wilde worked with Kindergarten students on coding

Below: Zoe Zhang and Hannah Deng worked together to code a Sphero

Below: Celina Ghosh began learning about code, with help from Barrett Arbour

Below: Victoria Stefanson, Avery Fletcher and Shannon Buckle played with a Sphero





ICT/Desktop Publishing

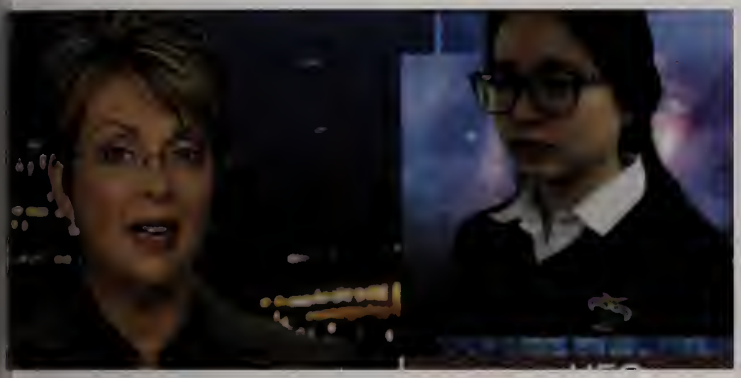
Below:
Elizabeth Tingey - Real or Fake Project

Below:
Rosie Deng - HDR Project

Below:
Nanako Maruyama - HDR Project

Below:
Abbey Bowley - Showcase Project

Digital Photography

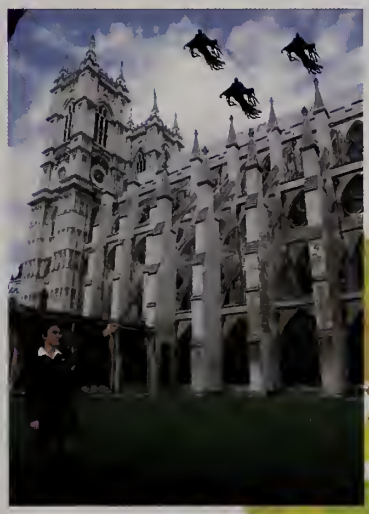


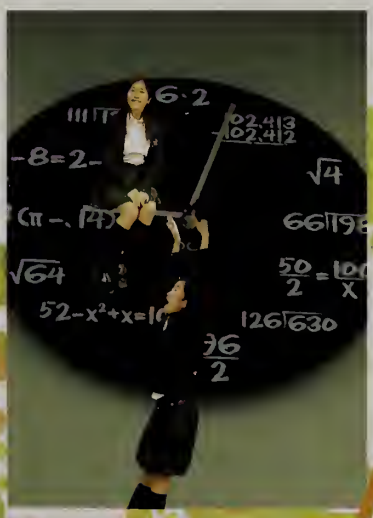
Below: Carolina Yedid, Amara Petker and Miya Speiss filmed a pixilation
Below: Sarah Kowall - Real or Fake Project

Below: Jessica Duan - Showcase Project

Above: Rocio Gonzalez Guitart - Real or Fake Project
Below: Kirsten Benidickson - Real or Fake Project

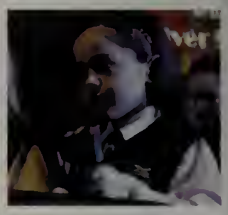
Below: Nao Makiyama Real or Fake Project





Golden Bells Club

Top Row: Valentina Anang, Katia Djomo Wongep, Katherine Robinson, Hope Hinchey, Anneliese Gasmen, Emily Cuvelier, Brooke-Lynne LaJambe
Bottom Row: Mira Davey, Asmara Azeez Ismahil, Grace Olafson, Bella-Sophia Rogers, Jozi Oliver, Alicia Chan

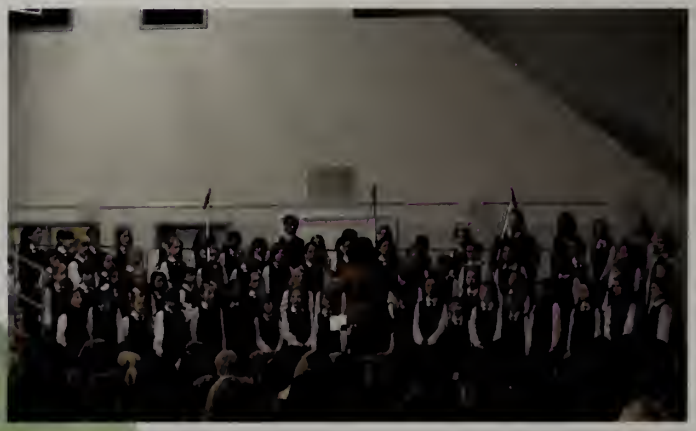


Blazer Bell Club

Top Row: Sarah Nason, Elaina Bru, Katia Djomo Wongep, Katherine Robinson, Kirsten Drexler, Chloe Raccio
Bottom Row: Sydney Anderson, Reagan Jaworski, Brynn McConnell, Janet Venditti, Katelyn Sigurdson
Missing: Isra Elbarouni

1-3 Choir

Students in the grade 1 to 3 choir have had many performance opportunities this year including the Remembrance Day assembly, Holiday concert, and the Winnipeg Music Festival. At the Winnipeg Music Festival, the choir received a gold rating and the Mozart Shield. This trophy is awarded for the most outstanding performance by a school chorus Kindergarten to Grade 3.



4-5 Choir

The grade 4 & 5 choir sang in the Winnipeg Music Festival this year. The adjudicator loved their "gorgeous word colour."The choir received a gold rating and the Anne Tate Memorial Award trophy, for the most outstanding performance by a school chorus, grades 4 to 6. They also received the Winnipeg Mennonite Children's Choir Golden Era Bursary.

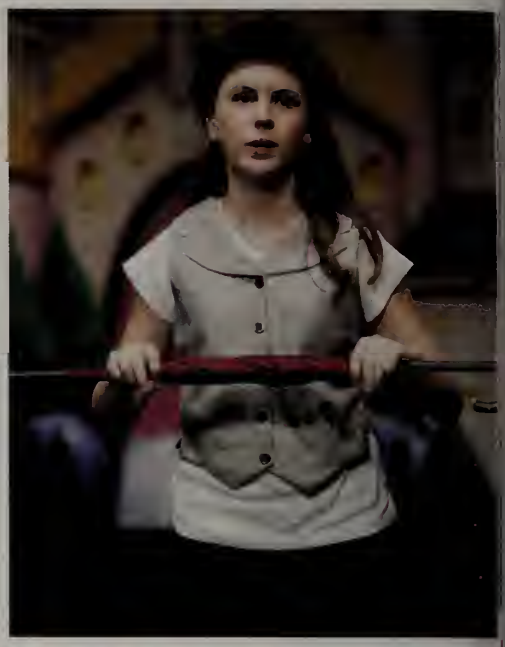
6-8 Choir

The Middle School Choir at Balmoral Hall is a vibrant ensemble of over 90 students, from Grade 6 to 8. The Middle School Choir sings at large events like the Remembrance Day, Assembly Choral Cabaret, the Middle School Musical and the Closing Ceremonies. When they all sing together for events, it is a beautiful sound of young voices in harmony.

9-12 Choir

Anna Layte, Nikayla Little, Momo Harada, Gabriella Nowicki, Hua (Grace) Tu, Yi Ying (Ella) Yu, Kirsten Benidickson, Shu Yu (Christine) Fan, Miri Hagiwara, Xin Wei (Gloira) Hu, Ru Jia (Bella) Li, Nao Makiyama, Nanako Maruyama, Lauren Melnyk, Jennie Pham, Jasmine Tingey, Angela Wang, Ying Nan (Nancy) Yan, Victoria Young, Bo Wen (Bonnie) Li, Ai Ming (Michelle) Tan, Wei (Winnie) Zhang, Chloe Balog, Johanna Bruinooge, Alexandra Chubaty Boychuk, Daniella Daumler and Da Yu (Kim) Jin

Above: Gaston (Caelan Nowicki) tried to impress Belle (Carrington Dong) in "Belle"
Right: Lily Stewner performed a "Mary Poppins" dance



Above: Walt Disney (Karen Jensen) and Snow White (Lily Stewner) introduced one of the numbers
Right: The Grade 7 class in their "Beauty and the Beast" costumes
Middle Right: The Grade 6 class in their "Aladdin" costumes
Bottom Right: The Grade 8-1 class in their "Pocahontas" costumes

Above: The entire cast joined together for the grand finale, "Circle of Life" from "The Lion King"

Left: The grade 6 class performed "Arabian Nights"
Below: The show opened with "Be Our Guest"

Left: Irina Znamirowski played Mary Poppins in "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious"
Below Right: Julia Ryan in "Belle" from "Beauty and the Beast"

Above: The Grade 8-2 class in their "Hercules" costumes
Below: Zoë Zaretzky sang her heart out as Ariel in "Part of Your World" from "The Little Mermaid".

Disney in Concert

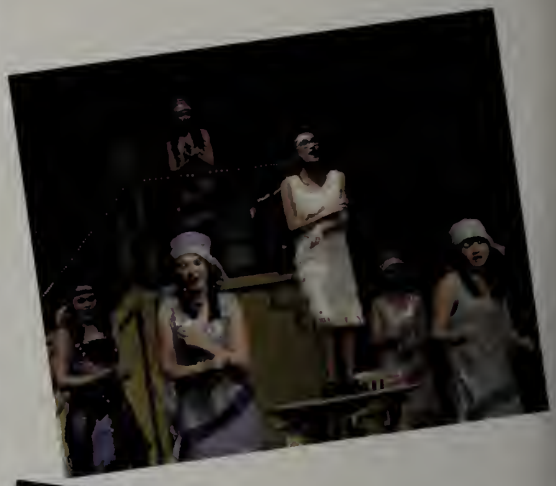
This year, Middle School performed "The Wonderful World of Disney," a collection of songs from beloved Disney films. Each grade represented a different film - Grade 6 students performed songs from Aladdin, Grade 7 students presented songs from Beauty and the Beast and the Grade 8 students were separated into two groups to perform songs from Pocahontas and Hercules. There were also additional solos performed by Grade 8 students, which included Mary Poppins, The Little Mermaid and Sleeping Beauty. It was a real show-stopper and brought the cast, crew and audience members back to their childhoods.

Above: The cast preformed an elaborate dance number

Above: Nao Makiyama,, Anna Layte as Dulcie, Barrett Arbour and Mia Battad as Maisie

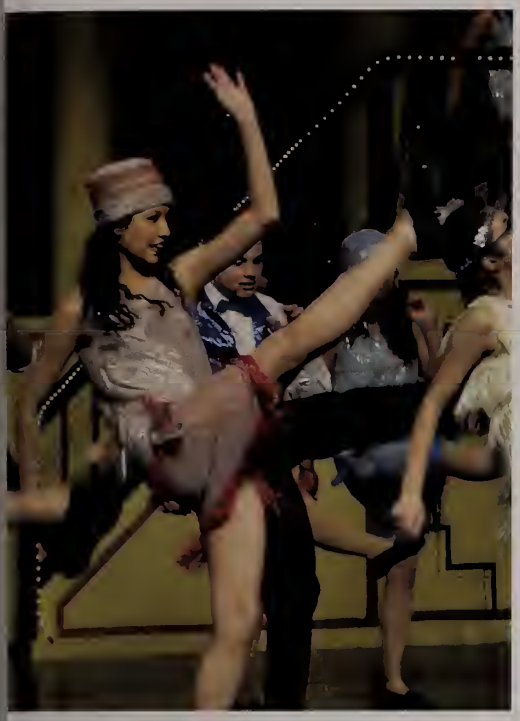
Above: Lauren Melnyk as Hortense

Above: Ruo Lin Zhang and Alexandra Chubaty Boychuk preform a duet

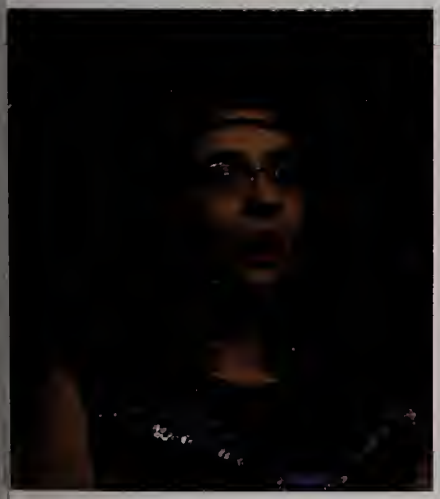


The Boy Friend

This year, Balmoral Hall's Senior School musical was Sandy Wilson's *The Boy Friend*, presented from January 28-30th. The Boy Friend is set in the French Riviera during the Roaring 20's, and follows the stories of girls at a boarding school and their complicated yet hilarious relationships with their boy friends (or lack thereof). The show was made possible by a dedicated group of BH girls, a passionate director, U of W Collegiate boys, and a wonderful behind-the-scenes crew. Thanks to all who went "To Infinity and Beyond" to put on a fabulous production!



Above: The cast ensemble performed "Safety in Numbers"
Left: Sebastian Meiers as Percival Browne and Alex Chubaty Boychuk as Mme. Dubonnet



Nihal Bhullar as Lady Brockhurst

Ruolin Zhang as Polly Browne and Jerico Nieves as Tony Brockhurst

Michael Swain as Bobby Van Husen and Mia Battad as Maisie

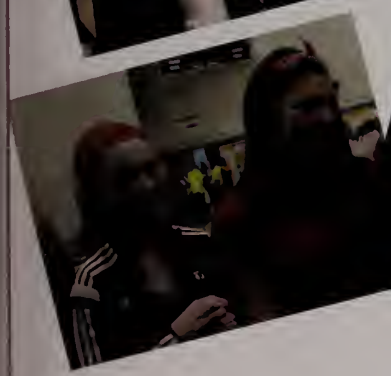
SPORTS

BH

Emma Hafenbrak

I can't believe this school year is over! It seems like such a short time ago that we were playing student vs. teacher volleyball in the gym and making gingerbread houses and snowflakes. Interhouse took a lot of planning and scheduling, so I would like to thank all the house heads who helped make interhouse run as smoothly as it did. I would also like to say thank you to all staff and students who were involved with BH athletics this year. Our achievements and development as players and as teams would not have been possible without you. I hope everyone had a great year and that you continue to go to infinity and beyond in whatever you choose to do. Best of luck, Emma Hafenbrak

Middle School Sports Captain



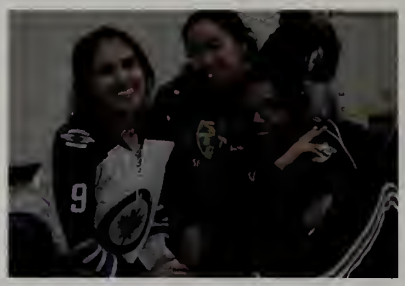
Yu Xuan (Amy) Song

Senior Ballater House Head

This year has gone extremely fast and has been amazing! When I first heard of Ballater, I knew this house would be the best. Every time we met for activities, I felt so happy and excited to hang out with these students and have fun. I am so proud of the Ballater students, because they are are full of enthusiasm and spirit. Thank you to everyone who has come out and supported our house this year. We have had a GREAT year! - Amy Song '16

Middle Ballater House Head

Karen Jensen



Brianna Ritter

Middle Braemar House Head

Garima Moudgil

Senior Braemar House Head

Hey there fellow Braemarians! It has been an honour to be your house head this year. It's pretty obvious that we're the best house, but that is primarily due to the fact that we have some of the most amazing and passionate people! You guys embody the idea of school spirit, and I'll surely miss wearing the green and blue tie. You guys aren't afraid to take risks and always shine as the strongest house. Please continue being just as spirited as you are! Never thought I would say this but being a hippo was an honour.
Love, Garima Moudgil '16

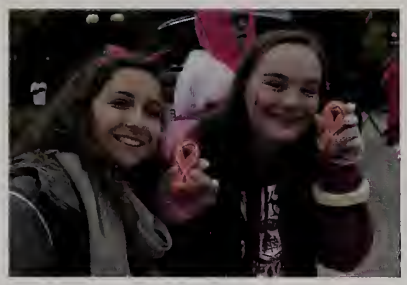
Sara Ali

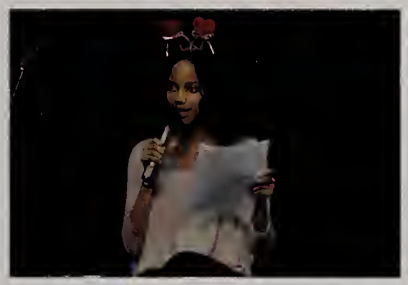
Senior Craig Gowan House Head

Although I regarded it more as a second job, representing the yellow house was an honour nonetheless. We've got many talented, outspoken, and spirited individuals in our house. The colour yellow embodies happiness, light, and positivity. Many girls in Craig Gowan embody this spirit, and hopefully this can transcend to next year's interhouses and school gatherings. I appreciate everyone's willingness to participate and represent their house, homeroom or grade. Thanks for the laughs girls! - Sara Ali '16

Middle Craig Gowan House Head

Mackenzie Bayrak-Newton





Kim Hurst

Senior Glen Gairn House Head

Portia Topnik

Middle Glen Gairn House Head

Glen Gairn is the best house in the universe and it always will be. It's been an absolute honour being the House Head for this glorious, flaming, crimson gem of a house. Being a prefect has meant so much to me and I couldn't ask for a better group to have worked with. My senior year was glorious because of all of you. I'll cherish the memories we've shared for the rest of my life. I know that you're all capable of going "to infinity and beyond." Stay amazing, my friends. - Kim Hurst '16

Developmental Volleyball

Top Row: Coach Simran Roopra, Mila Tielmann, Samah Haq, Nina Baty, Lauren King, Sophie Schwartz, Natalie Cuvelier, Coach Brenda Boonstra
Middle Row: Gina Plett, Claire Venevongsa, Amelie Malo, Adi Groumoutis
Bottom Row: Julia Ryan

MVP: Nina Baty
MIP: Amelie Malo

Varsity Volleyball

MVP: Jessica Andjelic
MIP: Avery Fletcher

Top Row: Avery Fletcher, Kate Hokanson, Chloe Balog, Jessica Andjelic, Coach Sean Cruickshank
Middle Row: Victoria Stefanson, Corinne Schroeder, Danielle Moreau, Claudia Venevongsa
Bottom Row: Alix Yallowega
Missing: Emily Middagh, Meghan Hatcher, Katelyn Battad

Junior Competitive Volleyball

Top Row: Sawyer Stern, Zoe Zaretzky, Chelsea Krahenbil, Natasha Hofer, Coach Jessica McDonald
Bottom Row: Portia Topnik, Emma Hafenbrak, Sophie Delaquis, Mackenzie Bayrak-Newton, Juliana West
Missing: Lily Stewner

MVPs: Emma Hafenbrak and Sophie Delaquis
MIP: Sawyer Stern

Golf

Left to Right: Chloe Balog, Danelle Creighton, Danielle Moreau, Claudia Venevongsa, Alexandra Blake, Kim Hurst
Missing: Coach Sean Cruickshank, Morgan Dubyts

Developmental Basketball

Top Row: Coach Junior, Coach Roxanne Iligan, Nicole Xie, Sophie Schwartz, Mila Tielmann, Colleen McConnell, Nina Baty, Malaya Humeniuk, Hope Johnson, Lauren King, Coach Stevan Leipsic
Bottom Row: Stephanie Jordan, Claire Venevongsa, Amelie Malo, Mya Sareen

MVPs: Mya Sareen and Amelie Malo
MIPs: Malaya Humeniuk and Sophie Schwartz

Varsity Basketball

MVP: Claudia Venevongsa
MIP: Meghan Hatcher

Top Row: Christine Fan, Mary McKeigan, Meghan Hatcher, Danielle Moreau, Emily Middagh, Coach Elizabeth LaPage
Bottom Row: Gloria Hu, Danelle Creighton, Morgan Dubyts, Chloe Balog, Claudia Venevongsa, Taylor Tom

Junior Competitive Basketball

Top Row: Coach Dave Crook, Zoe Zaretzky, Eva Hagel-MacPherson, Taylor Kroeker, Coach Tom Nicholson
Bottom Row: Lily Stewner, Emma Hafenbrak, Ashley Stanley, Adi Groumoutis, Gina Plett, Chelsea Krahenbil
Missing: Alexa Stockl

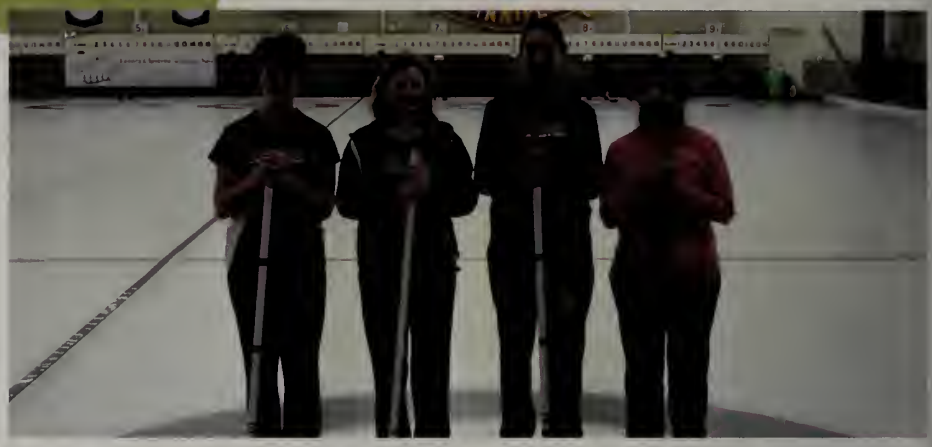
MVP: Lily Stewner
MIP: Adi Groumoutis

Cross Country

Top Row: Aleksandra Planinich, Irina Znamirowski Emma Hafenbrak, Portia Topnik, Alexandra Davis
Bottom Row: Kennedy Campbell, Jordan Campbell, Katherine Burley, Meghna Rajamohan, Hope Johnson
Missing: Payton Bell, Lindsay Speirs, Irina Znamirowski

Curling

Left to right: Samantha Machado, Allison Hilliker, Mary McKeigan, Umema Rafay
Missing: Coach Eva Downey, Emma Machado, Elizabeth Tingey



MVP: Umema Rafay
MIP: Emma Machado

Prep Hockey

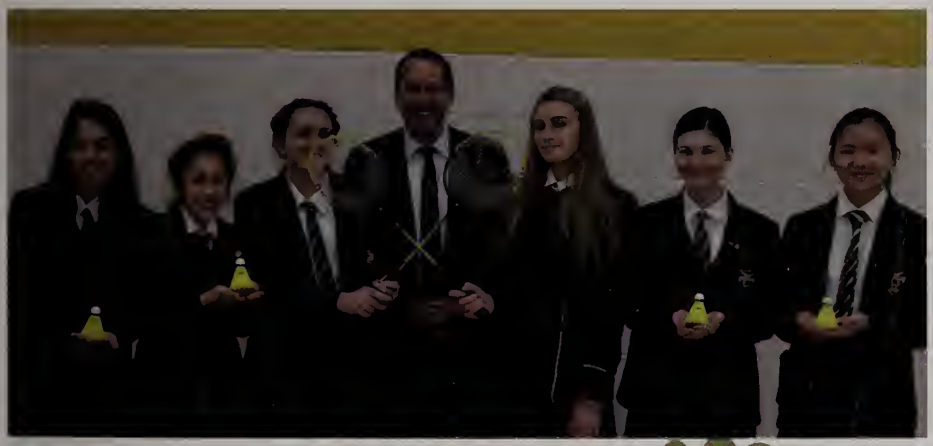
MVP: Ryleigh Houston
MIP: Emily Middagh

Top Row: Ashley Pouteau, Polina Yurchenko, Skyla Sellner, Kyla Piskor, Taylor Tom, Mya Jorgenson, Coach Darlene Sveinson
Middle Row: Coach Sarah Zacharias, Abigail Bowley, Delaney Boehm, Rebecca Lilly, Ashlee Hodge-Hirschfield, Alix Yallowega, Coach Gerry Wilson
Bottom Row: Corinne Schroeder, Kelli Rowswell, Anne Campbell Emily Middagh, Ryleigh Houston, Kaitlin Howarth, Nicole Whiteshell
Missing: Tori Stebnitsky

Middle School Badminton

Top Row: Karlee Mestdagh, Gabriela Todescan, Adi Groumoutis, Shabare Nagasundaram, Caelan Nowicki, Anna Ueda, Lily Stewner, Charlotte Falck
Bottom row: Mackenna Dyck, Crystal Ding, Emma Hafenbrak, Zoë Zaretzky, Aleksandra Planinich

Senior School Badminton



Left to right: Olivia Meier, Claire Meier, Gabriella Nowicki, Coach John Kerr, Isabella Janzen, Emma Joyal, Jessica Sui

Soccer

Top Row: Kyla Piskor, Payton Bell, Abigail Bowley, Ashlee Hodge-Hirschfield, Corinne Schroeder, Maria Daniela Rodriquez, Ana Maria Valdes La Vallina Mercado,Ceci Padilla, Carolina Yedid, Allison Hilliker, Coach Lexy Muller-Moran
Bottom Row: Mackenzie McFadden Guimond, Rebecca Lilly, Kelli Rowswell, Delaney Boehm, Emily Middagh, Skyla Sellner, Regina Rojo Martinez ,Rocio Gonzalez, Taylor Tom
Missing : Chloe Balog, Yingning(Rosie) Deng, Nihal Bhullar, Kaitlin Howarth, Ryleigh Houston, Jenelle Manitowabi, Erica Sandilands, Tori Stebnitsky , Jia Shu (Iris) Wang

MVP: Skyla Sellner
MIP: Regina Roji

MVP: Emily Middagh
MIP: Ruolin Zheng

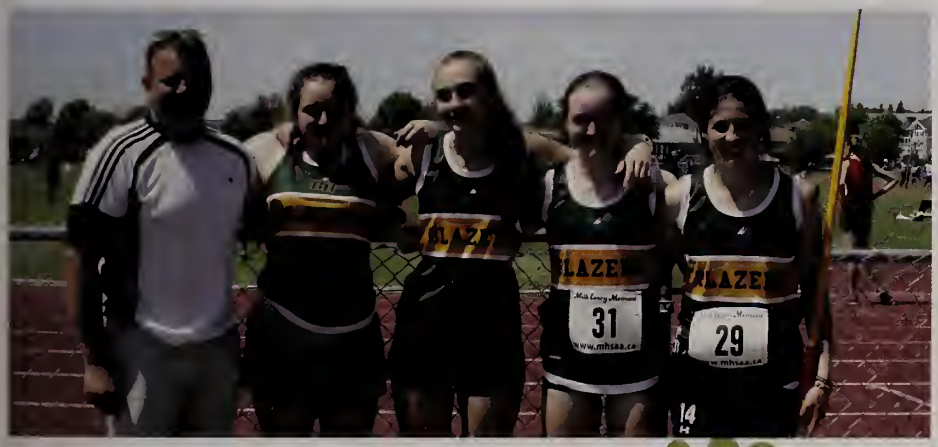
Ultimate Frisbee

Top Row: Luke Thille, Connor Stewart, Lachlan Roche, Ryan McDonald, Russell Cabeliza, Giuseppe Colatruglio, Stephen Crew, Heath Chalmers, Karam Chatha, David Sims, Josh Sterner, Coach Andrew Fusty, Coach Matt McDonald, Coach Williams, Coach Cook
Bottom Row: Claudia Venevongsa, Alix Yallowega, Emma Javra, Hayley Smith, Anne Campbell, Roulin Zhang, Savannah Aitken, Nihal Bhullar, Sari Glow, Chloe Balog, Dani Creighton
Missing: Emily Middagh, Morgan Dubyts, Jenelle Manitowabi, Matthew Rabb, Dawson Braun, Andrei Mastin, Darian Picklyk, Owen Swendroski-Yerga

4-8 Track and Field

4-8 Knights of Columbus Participants: Valentina Anang, Alicia Chan, Emily Cuvelier, Anneliese Gasmen, Lura Klassen, Cindy Liu, Sarah Nason, Jozi Oliver, Chloe Raccio, Kate Sigurdson, Janet Venditti, Ella Dawe, Makeda Davis, Katia Djomo Wongep, Isra Elbarouni, Ryann Hafenbrak, Erika Handregan, Hope Hinchey, Isabella Hirayama, Inez Mayberry, Annabella Quirino, Alicia Topnik

Senior Track and Field



Left to right: Ken Stevens, Gabriella Nowicki, Isabella Janzen, Alix Yallowega and Emily Middagh
Missing: Avery Fletcher, Kate Hokanson, Chelsea Venevongsa, Summer Liu, Rebecca Sun

Above: Speaker Regan Boulton talked about her life as a hockey player

Above: Claudia Venevongsa accepted her Award of Merit for achieving more than 44 athletic points
Left: Emma Hafenbrak delivered her opening address

Athletic Banquet

The annual BH Athletic Banquet celebrated the contributions of the athletes and coaches sports within the school. The banquet opened with a speech from Regan Boulton '09 about her life playing hockey. Many students at BH participate as student athletes, and all were recognized for their efforts. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the dedication of the coaches. 2016 was a great year for Blazers sports and we are grateful to all who contributed.

Above: Grade 6 student athletes

Above: Grade 9 student athletes

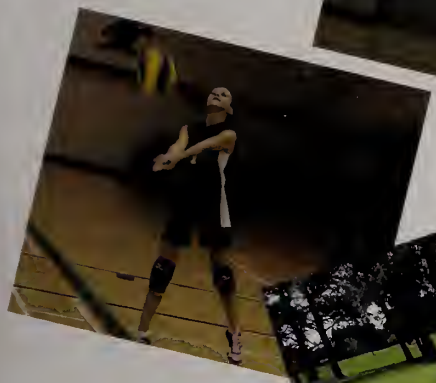
Above: Grade 7 student athletes

Above: Grade 8 student athletes

Above: Grade 12 student athletes

Above: Grade 10 student athletes

Above: Grade 11 student athletes



Above: Breanna Mierxiati, Karin Hamanaka and Ashley Jiang enjoyed the beautiful weather

Above: Girls from all grades participated in many fun summer activities such as, water balloon tossing, water fights and hitting a piñata

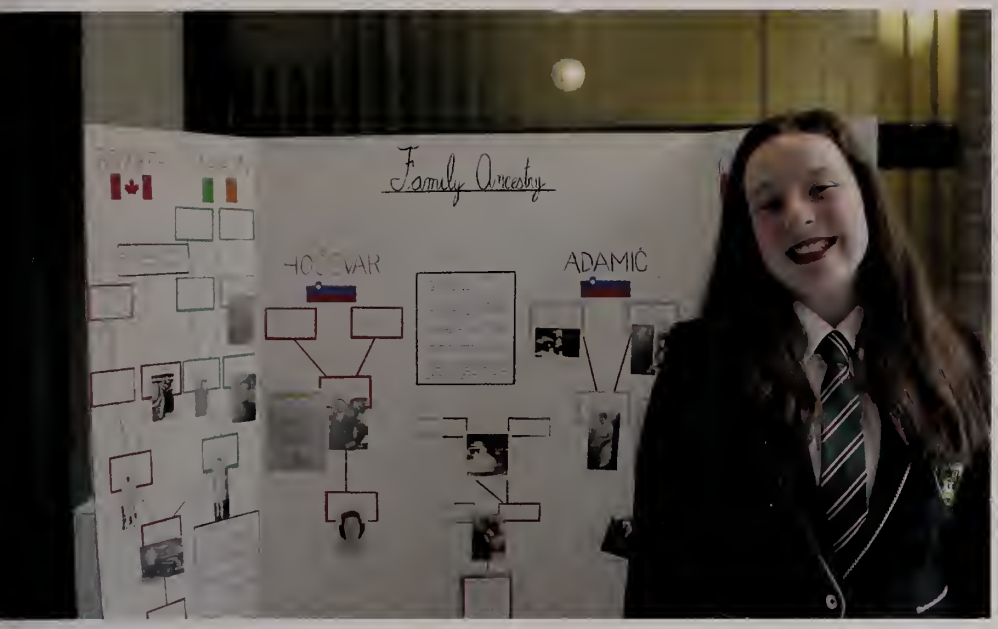
Below: Emily Thompson and Alexandra Blake consumed pizza

Summer Fun Day

Summer fun day was organized by the 2016/2017 future prefects to kick off the beginning of their prefectship. The afternoon's activities included water balloon tosses, a visit from shelter puppies, donut eating contests and a limbo contest. The day finished off with a water balloon war and cake. Next year's prefects made a lasting first impression.

Above: Girls participated in a Limbo competition

Right: Shabare Nagasundaram and Jodi Fourre played with the puppies



Above: Lia Loewen discussed her blog on healthy living
Left: Victoria Young discovered her family's ancestry

Passion Project

The Passion Project, completed every year by the Grade 10 students, gives the students an opportunity to explore their personal interests and potential careers. This year, the projects ranged from the history of Highland Dance to the tasks involved in building a house. After seven months, the Grade 10s were able to present their projects to parents, teachers and fellow students. It was a great success for everyone involved.

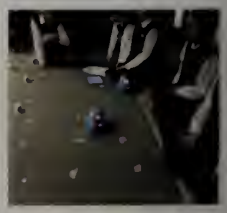
Above: Alice Ma studied the styles and props of Chinese Dance

Track and Field Club

Sienna Bater, Sara Bevan, Emily Butler, Alex Campbell, Kailey Chan, Leah Gowrie, Emma Hilliker, Mila Kerr, Julia Lazareck, Leah Lins, Miranda Marrin, Chloe Mathew, Zaiah McDowell, Lily Polet, Sabrina Rutkowski, Stephanie Ryan, Keira Topnik, Lisa Yin, Valentina Anang, Asmara Azeez Ismahil, Fiona Barkman, Rishika Chadha, Alicia Chan, Emily Cuvelier, Mira Davey, Anna Didyk, Anna Dornetshuber, Zelal Emre, Anneliese Gasmen, Reagan Jaworski, Brooke Lynne LaJambe, Cindy Liu, Claire Mayberry, Brynn McConnell, Sarah Nason, Grace Olafson, Jozi Oliver, Chloe Raccio, Bella-Sophia Rogers, Katelyn Sigurdson, Janet Venditti, Megan Burns, Elizabeth Butler, Kameron Chan, Claire Cockerill, Ella Dawe, Makeda Davis, Katia Djomo Wongep, Kirsten Drexler, Ryann Hafenbrak, Erika Handregan, Hope Hinchey, Isabella Hirayama, Alyssa Kalaitzakis, Inez Mayberry, Annabella Quirino, Katherine Robinson, Alicia Topnik, Brooklyn Watkins

Dash and Dot Robotics Club

Left to Right: Alicia Topnik, Hope Hinchey, Annika Miller, Megan Burns, Scarlett Andrew and Isabella Hirayama



Dance Club

Left to Right: Alaa Elbarouni, Shireen Mohammad, Lyla Gompf, Moudi Ali, Aisha Aleassa and Eleanora t'Jong
Missing: Sydney Anderson

Yoga Club

Back Row: Leah Gowrie, Alex Campbell, Noa de Jongh, Isabelle Danielson Roy, Mrs. Hanson, Marya Ashique, Emma Hilliker, Anna Cope Walker, Tess Bebchuk, Lauren Field
Front Row: Sarah Bevan, Leah Lins, Gabrielle Williams, Katherine Bru, Chloe Chau, Zara MacDougall

Snowshoe Club

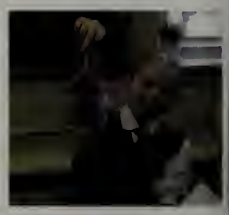
Left to Right: Grace Olafson, Brynn McConnell, Mrs. Kerr, Emily Cuvelier, Keira Topnik, Mira Davey, Katelyn Sigurdson, Annika Miller, Kirsten Drexler, Mrs. Naughten, Stephanie Ryan, Sienna Bater and Emma Hilliker
Missing: Fiona Barkman, Trinity Finley, Lisa Yin, Mila Kerr, Julia Lazareck

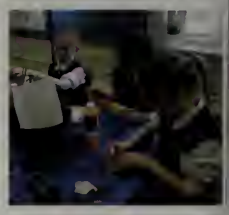
Concours Club

Top Row: Fiona Barkman, Sarah Nason, Valentina Anang, Inez Mayberry, Hope Hinchey, Ella Dawe, Isabella Hirayama, Erika Handregan, Chloe Raccio, Katia Djomo Wongep
Bottom Row: Sydney Anderson, Reagan Jaworski, Katelyn Sigurdson, Alicia Chan, Emily Cuvelier, Brynn McConnell, Asmara Azeez Ismahil, Jozi Oliver
Missing: Janet Venditti

Fairy Garden Club

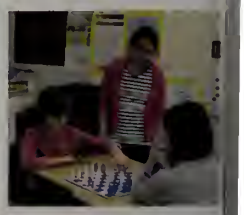
Top Row: Fiona Barkman, Katelyn Sigurdson, Chloe Raccio, Anneliese Gasmen, Lura Klassen, Sarah Nason
Bottom Row: Reagan Jaworski, Grace Olafson, Rishika Chadha, Brynn McConnell, Brooke-Lynne LaJambe
Missing: Elaina Bru

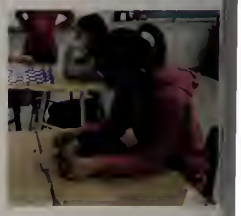




Chess Club

Left to Right: Amelie Malo, Lucy MacDougall, Sarah Mathew, Lucy Christopher, Kaylee Nguyen, Maria Akita and Mya Sareen





French Club

Top Row: Mme Delaney, Mme Delaquis, Victoria Young, Maya Schwartz, Kirsten Benidickson, Président: Rachel Bernhardt
Middle Row: Allison Hilliker, Emma Javra, Katelyn Battad, Claire Meier, Mme Delmonico-Gibson
Bottom Row: Anne Campbell, Samantha Machado
Missing: Anais Casselman-Green, Gillian Chiu

Art Club

The drop-in, after school art club aimed to develop students photography skills including composition, developing film, and printing their own photos. Other students worked on mural painting, drawing, carving wax, working with ink on mylar, and much more. Hope to see everyone join us in next year's art club!

Vocal Jazz

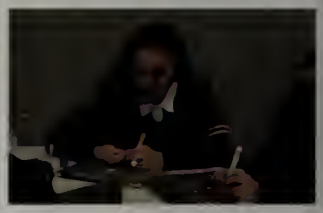
Left to Right: Kirsten Benidickson, Lauren Melnyk, Anna Layte, Rosie Deng, Alice Ma, Bonnie Li, Bella Li, Christine Fan, Gloria Hu, Gabriella Nowicki
Missing: Nancy Yan, Ruo Lin Zhang

Reach for the Top

Top Row: Caitlynn Nguyen, Alexandra Blake, Nancy Yan, Erin Jeong, Katherine Burley, Team Captain: Samantha Machado and Coach Wilkes
Bottom Row: Kim Hurst
Missing: Umema Rafay and Rosie Deng

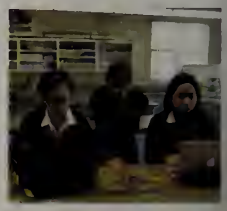
Rainbow Club

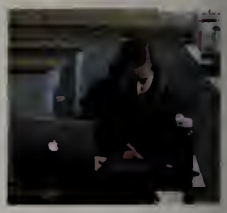
Rainbow Club is run by Grade 12 students Sara Ali, Kim Hurst, Polina Yurchenko, Cady Pavagadhi, Alycia Leafloor and facilitated by Ms. Akerstream, Mrs. Globa and Mrs. O'Brien-Klewchuk



Physics Club

Left to Right: Phroggy, Sari Glow, Erin Jeong, Nettles, Elva Fan and Dr. Mitchler





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Yuqing (Lily) Li

Green Club President

This year, running Green Club presented a unique challenge. Normally the position of Green Club President is held by a twelfth grade student, but this year I decided to take initiative and fill this role as a grade eleven student. It was difficult to have a leadership role in the school, but I was motivated by many people to keep on trying. Throughout the year, Green Club was involved in a variety of activities such as Earth Week, bring-your-own water bottle day and adopting an animal from the WWF website. I am very proud of the great year that Green Club had, much thanks to Mr. Krymusa and Ms. Fennell for their guidance and the support with all of Green Club's activities. Sincerely, Lily

Above: Kailey Chan, Stephanie Ryan and Julia Lazareck spent quality time together at Mulvey School party

Above: Senior School students spend their Day of Giving sorting potatoes at Winnipeg Harvest

Day of Giving

On the last day before Winter Break, BH students participated in the annual Day of Giving. Junior School students hosted the Mulvey school during the BH holiday party. Middle School students wrapped and delivered gifts to the residents of Misericordia Place. Senior School students volunteered at a variety of places including Winnipeg Harvest and Siloam Mission.

Far left: The Middle School girls made holiday gift bags to give to residents at Misericordia Place
Left: The grade 9's sorted potatoes at Winnipeg Harvest

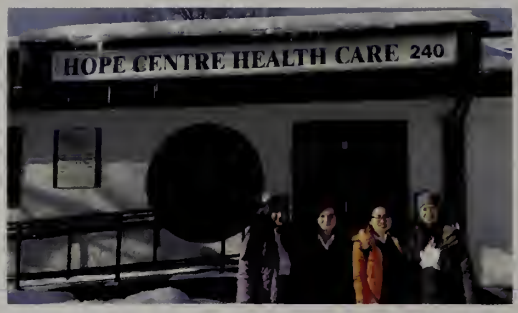
Above: Tori Stebnitsky, Ryleigh Houston and Alyssa Tyhy enjoyed giving back
Left: Senior School students helped out with crafts and snacks at the Holiday Party for the Junior School students and Mulvey School students

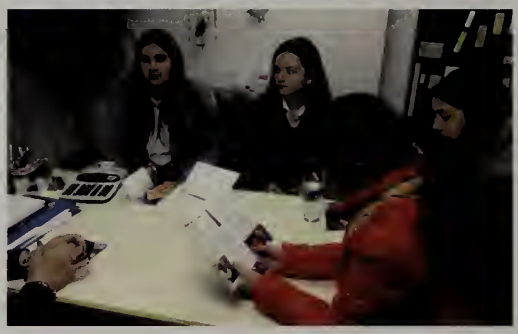
Mila Kerr and Paris Musaphir had a fun time at the holiday party.

Maria Daniela Rodriguez Casares and Cecila Padilla separated clothing at Siloam Mission

Eleanora 't Jong and Aisha Aleassa enjoyed making crafts together

Above: Women's Resource Centre gave a presentation to YIP students





Above: Nancy Yan, Ashley Jiang and Krystal Wang went on a site visit

Left: Umema Rafay, Mackenzie McFadden Guimond, Olivia Meier and Rosie Deng attended a YiP site visit to Hope Centre Health Care

Youth in Philanthropy

This year Youth in Philanthropy, also known as YiP, had a very exciting year. Through research and site visits we learned about different charities in Winnipeg. With the grant we received from The Winnipeg Foundation, we were able to give money to the charities of our choice. Thank you to Ms. Kostyk, Ms. Cloutier and Mrs. McConaghy for helping us stay organized. It was a great year!

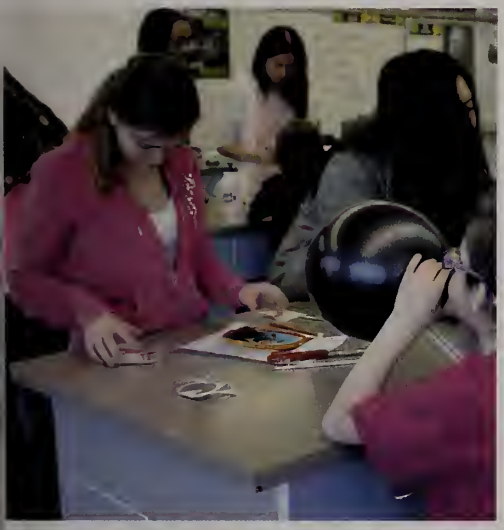
Above: Members of YiP attended a conference

Front Row: Nancy Yan, Kirsten Benidickson, Rachel Bernhardt, Claire Meier
Middle Row: Lora Hu, Zoe Zhang, Olivia Meier, Umema Rafay, Jennifer Sikora, Amara Petker, Alex Blake
Back Row: Rita Cheng, Krissia Zhao, Amy Song, Rosie Deng, Karin Hamanaka, Grace Gu, Sophie Liu, Lily Li

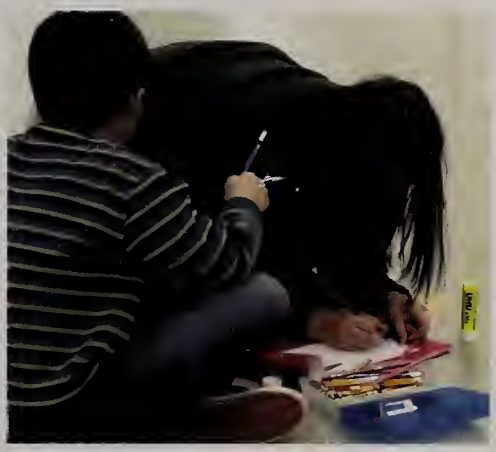
Avery Fletcher and Emma Joyal taught their buddy about velocity and Newton's laws of motion using balloons

Below: Regina Rojo Martinez built a car with her buddy

Mulvey Youth-to-Youth



At the beginning of the year, the Grade 9 class learned that we would be participating in the Mulvey Youth-to-Youth program. We were assigned a Mulvey buddy and met with them seven times over the course of the year. We got to know our buddies really well and participated in many different activities with them from playing math games to watching an opera. For our last meeting, our buddies came to BH for a barbecue lunch. We knew that the Mulvey program was about teaching younger students, but we didn't know how much we would learn.



Above: Emily Allen, Anna Layte and Scotia Fullerton-Collison helped their buddies build science airplanes
Right: Kate Hokanson helped her buddy make holiday cards

Above: Nancy Yan made cards for patients at Misericordia Hospital

Green Club

This year Green Club successfully played a humble role within our community to help the environment. Some of this year's memorable events included: cleaning up garbage in the neighborhood as students took responsibility for the environment; the bring-your-water bottle day, which motivated students to recycle; a presentation from the Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, which was a strong example to students of how they could help the environment in their future careers; and earth week.

Above: Green Club president, Lily Li, picked up trash as part of Earth week
Below: A speaker from the Prairie Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre showed the Green Club a peregrine falcon

Above: Winonna Gariel, Rebecca Sun, Mary McKeigan, Emily Chen, Fariba Ishrar, Lily Li, Michelle Tan, Summer Lui and Ms. Fennel
Missing: Amara Petker, Brigid Hilliker, Dores. Shenouda, Emma Joyal, Iqra Tariq, Jessica Sui, Sophie Lui, Karissia Zhao, Logan Chubaty Boychuk, Michelle Tingey, Nikayla Little, Grace Gu

Above: Gloria Hu, Lily Li and Rebecca Sun served lemonade to those with reusable water bottles
Left: Mary McKeigan, Fariba Ishrar and Winonna Gabriel collected garbage

Above: Ruby Berry, So'Lanna Dallaire, Reeha Grewal and Alice Christopher proudly wore their poppies

Left: Ella and Sophie Dawe laid the wreath after the moment of silence

Below: Sonia Atwall, Matheson Pachal-Stewart, Emma Safinuik, Alice Christopher and Leela Khoday presented

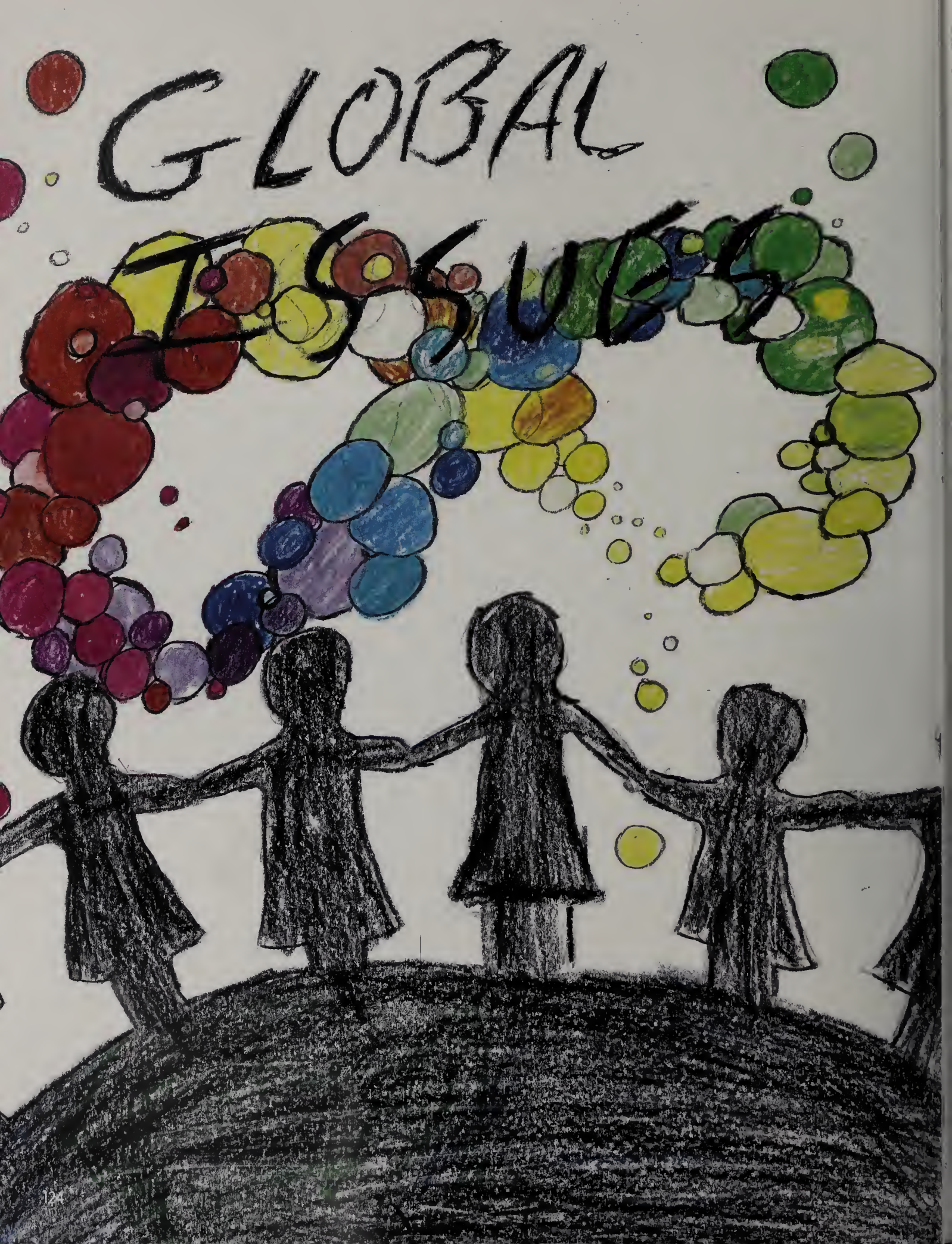
Above: Mia Battad and her father stood at the entrance to greet those in attendance

Below: Ella Dawe collected postcards to veterans at the door.

Remembrance Day

In November, the day before Remembrance Day, Balmoral Hall students, staff, families and friends gathered together to honour those who have served our country. Much of the morning was spent in the classroom discussing the importance of the day. The afternoon was filled with performances and presentations from students and guests, and towards the end, we all stood as one to take a moment to remember our soldiers.

GLOBAL ISSUES



Sara Ali

Global Issues Prefect

Appreciation is the first word that comes to mind when I think of all the opportunities I've had to better our global community along with my fellow prefects and Girls for the World members. My objectives as prefect were not only to inspire real change, but also to make people feel good about their contributions throughout the school year. We focused on malaria, refugees and International Women's Day. I feel blessed to be able to have sat and discussed with like-minded people about the global crises we cared about. I'm proud to have led a group of girls who desired real change. With every action we took, we helped people's lives in some way, shape or form, which is all I could ever ask for. - Sara

Above: Katherine Burley and Sophie Joyal found their location on the map
Below: Cady Pavagadhi assisted a participant at Open Windows Foundation in making a kite

Top row: Teresa, Mr. Williams, Sophie Joyal, Alyssa Tyhy, Gloria Hu, Asiyah Ashique, Julia Johnson, Lora Hu, Ms. McGill
Bottom row: Katherine Burley, Jessica Kirshner, Rosie Deng, Cady Pavagadhi, Danielle Moreau, Claudia Venevongsa, Chloe Balog

Guatemala Service Trip

In May, thirteen grade ten to twelve students traveled to Guatemala with Ms. McGill and Mr. Williams to serve with the Open Windows Foundation. During the week, students spent time with the Foundation's kids, painted pillars on the town's streets and built a tin house for a family. On their days off, the girls were able to experience Guatemalan culture through a walking tour of Antigua, a boat tour of Lake Atitlan and time at the country's largest market.

Above: Danielle Moreau demonstrated her athletic abilities

Above: Gloria Hu played a game of soccer with local children

Above: The group worked to progress the build of the kitchen at Open Windows Foundation

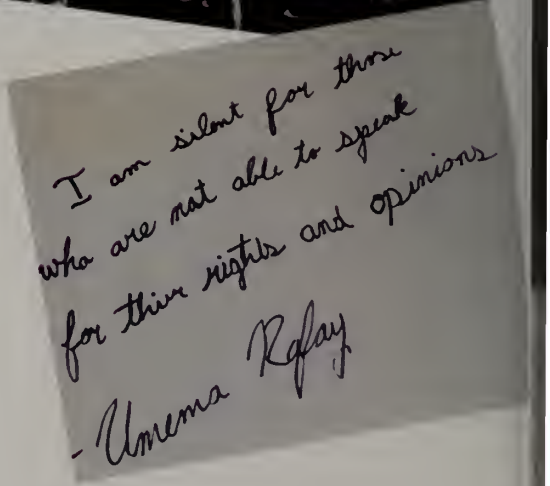
Lora Hu interacted with one of Open Windows' supporters at a dinner held by founder, Teresa

Gloria Hu, Chloe Balog, Rosie Deng, Danielle Moreau and Claudia Venevongsa began work on a tin house for a family of three

Asiyah Ashique and Alyssa Tyhy were joined by a young girl when painting a pole in San Miguel Duenas

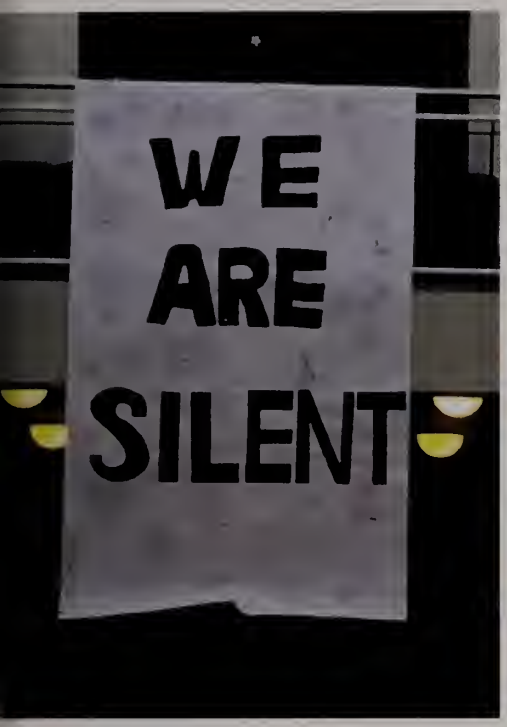
Students involved themselves in fundraising efforts through the annual full-school toonie drive

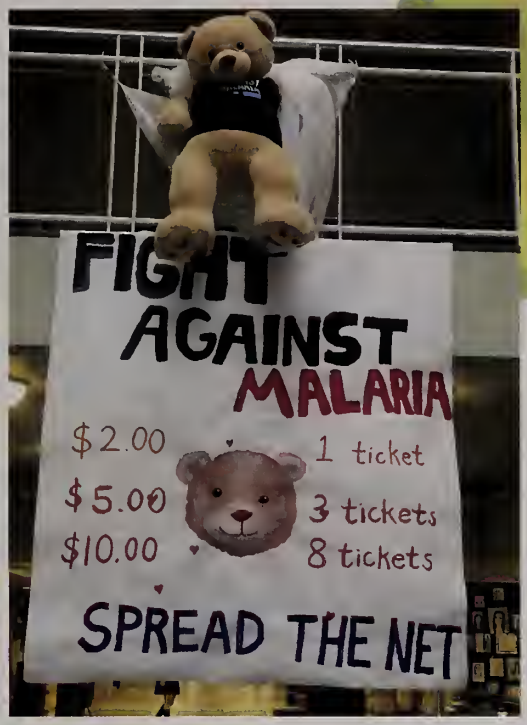
Above: Fariba Ishrar's Global Issues project raised awareness about missing and murdered Aboriginal girls and women in Canada



Girls For the World

Girls for the World, led by Ms. McGill and Global Issues Prefect, Sara Ali, is a club that explores global issues, including poverty, violence, inadequate health care and human rights. This year, Girls for the World and Yip members planned the International Women's Day Assembly and activities. Balmoral Hall School also participated in fundraising initiatives for Plan Canada's Spread the Net Challenge, which purchases bed nets for malaria prevention in Africa. Successful efforts led BH to be named the top fundraising school in Canada and we had the honour to welcome Rick Mercer to our school. Girls for the World also participated in Snow Night, We are Silent and We Scare Hunger to gather non-perishable food items for Winnipeg Harvest.





Far right: We Are Silent brought further understanding to those whose voices are silenced by human rights violations
Right: A Giant Teddy Bear was raffled of and all money raised went towards the Spread the Net Students Challenge, a competition between all schools in Canada to raise money for lifesaving bed nets

Girls For the World members spent time with Rick Mercer as a reward for their fundraising achievements

ara Ali awarded raffle-winner, ahra Ahmadi with a giant eddy bear

Ms. Hafenbrak and Ms. Green worked the staff bake sale to support the Spread the Net

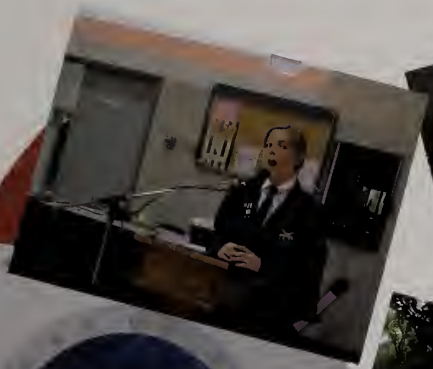
The Kenyan Boys choir performed for the school

DEBATE

Garima Moudgil

Senior Debate Prefect

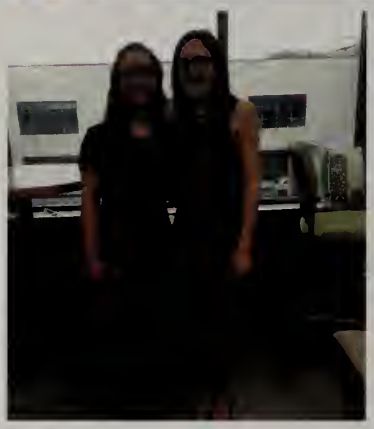
I was truly blessed to be able to be your debate prefect this year. I truly believe we were able to go to infinity and beyond in the debating world. I have never met a group of girls more skilled and passionate than this debate team. You guys will conquer the world! I really have to thank Mrs. Balcaen and Mrs. Smith for an incredible year. We have flourished this year and the credit should go to your hard work and dedication towards the program. I have to give a big shout out to my senior girls, Katherine, Rachel, Alex, Sophie and Sara, and also to Irina and Maddie in middle school. I'm so proud to have been a part of such a talented team. Thank you so much for contributing positivity and excellence to my last year at BH! Love, Garima Moudgil '16



Middle Debate Prefect

Irina Znamirowski

I have had an incredible time being middle school debate prefect this past year. I would like to give a special thanks to my partner Maddie, who has been such an amazing partner since our first tournament in grade six. Thanks for helping us get to Junior Debate Nationals, a place that we have wanted to go to right from the start. I would also like to give a huge thanks to both Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Balcaen, as their guidance and everlasting help have enabled all of us debaters to reach our infinities. Being debate prefect has been an honour, and debate this year truly has been great! ~Irina



Above: Sari Glow and Katherine Burley qualified for the Senior National Championships in Saskatoon, SK through Provincials

Top right: Sari Glow and Katherine Burley competed at the Senior National Championships in Toronto, ON

Above: Madeline Ritter and Irina Znamirowski competed in the Junior National Championships in Halifax, NS

(Top Row) Valentina Anang, Sarah Nason, Brynn McConnell, Brooklyn Watkins, Katherine Robinson, Kameron Chan, (Bottom Row) Zelal Emre, Bella-Sophia Rogers, Asmara Azeez Ismahil and Katelyn Sigurdson participated in the Junior School Debate Club

Above: Katherine Burley and Rachel Bernhardt met Mayor Naheed Nenshi at the Oxford Cup in Calgary, AB

Below: Katherine Burley, Lauren Burns and Lindsay Cogan attended the Donahoe Cup in Halifax, NS

Above: Lucy Christopher, Amelie Malo, Mila Tielmann, Kennedy Campbell, Charlotte Falck, Lily Stewner, Brianna Ritter and Adi Groumoutis competed in Junior Novice Provincials

Debate

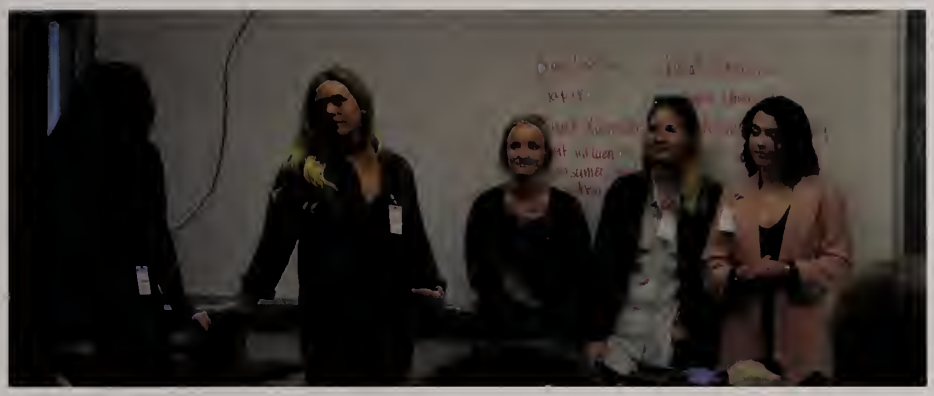
It has been a great year for debate at BH! Our debaters in both middle and senior school went to infinity and beyond at tournaments such as IISPSC, multiple provincials, the Oxford Cup, Junior and Senior Nationals, and the Donahoe Cup. Students had the opportunity to improve their skills, competing directly against some of the best verbal fencers in the country. They were challenged by topics involving current affairs, and were able to involve themselves in categories such as Canadian parliamentary debate, British parliamentary debate, persuasive speaking and interpretive reading. New verbal fencers showcased their skills through the junior school club.

Sari Glow

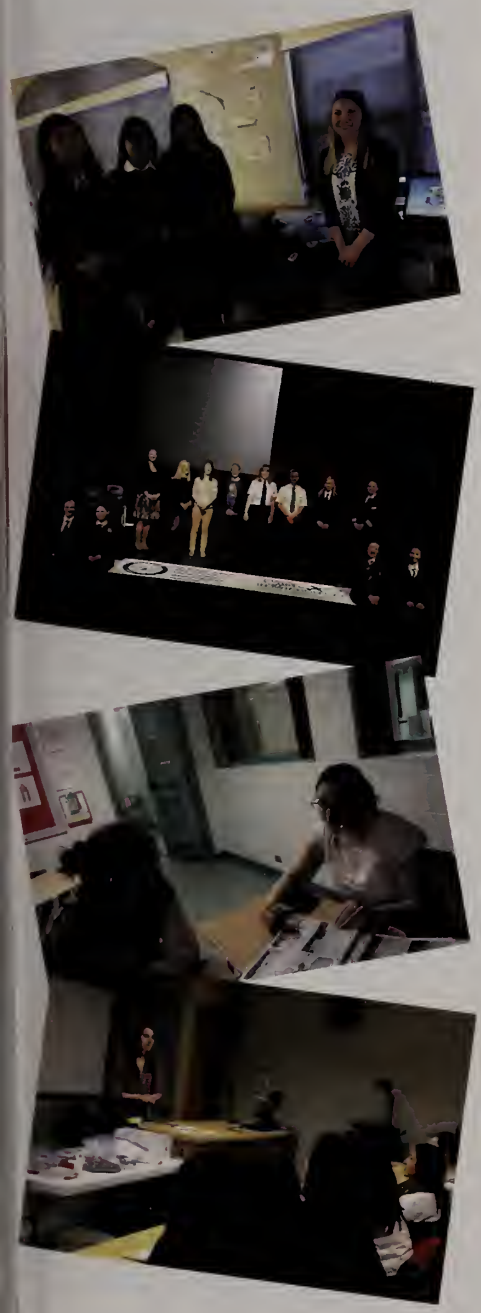
Alumnae Prefect

It is hard to sum up this incredible year into 100 words. In short, I am honoured to have had the privilege to represent the student body, and to have worked with such a dedicated prefect group. I cannot believe that in a few short weeks, I will be handing in my tassel, and making the transition from Alumnae Prefect to alumna. It is true when they say, "You do not know what you have until it is gone." We are extraordinarily lucky to have such a tight knit BH community with a rich history that bridges generations. Make the most of your time at BH, and cherish every memory that you make here!

Above: Michelle Tan, Anais Casselman-Green, and Rebecca Sun spoke to Carla Pienaar '01 about careers in design



Above: Meredith Chiu '13, Leilah Perchaluk '13, Breanna Sherbo '12, Natasha Comeau '12 and Anna Evans-Boudreau '12 gave a presentation on Finding Your Fit



Above: Author Lisa G. Shore '75 discussed her novel "Gifts of the Crysnix" with middle school students

Above: (Top Row) Tannis (Steiman) Scott '86, Jaclyn Prendiville '10 (Bottom Row) Chloe Vickar '11, Adrianna Militano '11, Samantha Moreau '13, Alexa Solomon '10, Nerissa Smith '04

Alum Presentations

This year, grade 8 through 12 students had the opportunity to meet with many alumnae who shared their experiences and gave advice about their prospective careers. Presentations this year included professions such as law, criminology and pharmacy. This year there were also specific presentations discussing university experiences, advice and best fit considerations. It's great when alumnae come back!

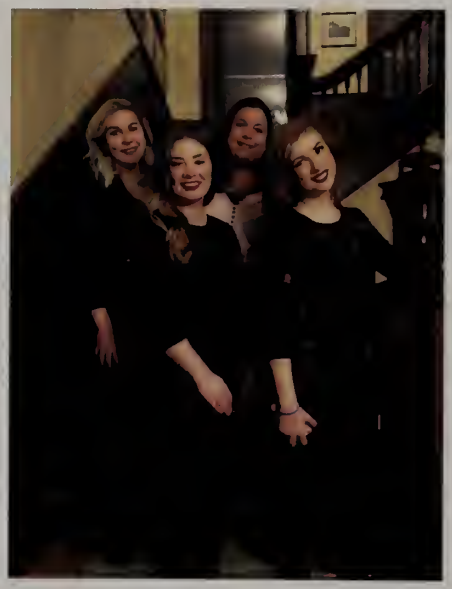
Home for the Holidays

The December holidays are a time when many alumnae return home to see friends and family, including their BH family. The BH Home for the Holiday events, held in Aikin's House each year, allows administrators, teachers and alumnae to catch-up and share stories of their ever changing lives. Alumnae also take time to reminisce, visit their old but updated classroom and share secrets they never told as students!

Above: Alumnae, staff and administration gathered for a group photo on the steps of Aikin's House.

Above: Jessie McTaggart '15, Nicola DePape '15, Abigail Scott '15, Simran Roopra '15 and Alexandra Trann '15 reunited to share stories of their first semester of university

Above: Alumnae reunited with teachers
Below: Cella Rousseau '11, Amanda Stegmaier '11 and Caley Hay '11



Above: Anne Campbell rushed to get the puck

Above: Tori Stebnitsky and Sarah Zacharias got into the competition

Gariepy Cup

During the Gariepy Cup, alum come home to catch up with current players and past teammates. For the older alum, the reunion is a true testament to the fact that the friendships made while wearing the BH jersey will never fade. From career moves, to marriage and children, they've all continued to be a part of each others lives, and all because of the game of hockey. The Gariepy Cup has helped strengthen the bond of all players both present and past, as teammates, friends and of course as a family.

Grad
TO INFINITY
&
BEYOND!

Asiyah Ashique

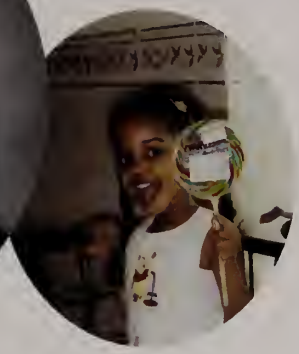
Public Relations and Grad Prefect

Being grad prefect this year has been a great learning experience. My goal was to make grad meetings as cohesive as possible, so that everyone's ideas were shared and explored. Since fundraising is what most of my job entails, coming up with new creative ways to raise money was a challenge that we overcame. It meant a lot to me to see my fellow classmates step up and take initiative when volunteering. Every effort shows, and I want to express how appreciative I am of the support I've gotten from staff and fellow students. I'm honoured to represent my grade 12 class, and it's been an absolute blast preparing for our exciting day.

Graduating Class of 2015/2016

The graduating class of 2015/2016, with Head of School Mrs. Kamins, in their white dresses, prior to Senior School Closing.

Sara Ali



There is no cap on intelligence.
- Ms. Wilkes

Asiyah Ashique

You do whatchu want when you poppin'.

Chloe Balog

What lies behind us, and what lies before us, are small matters compared to what lies within us.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Katherine Bezte

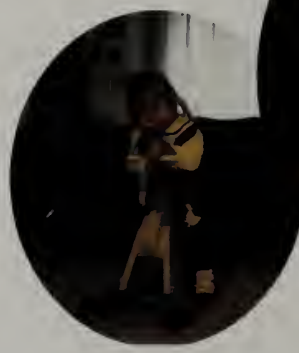
I am and always will be the optimist, the hoper of far-flung hopes and the dreamer of improbable dreams.
- Matt Smith (Dr. Who)

GRADUATES

Nihal Bhullar

Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.
- Sir Winston Churchill

Johanna Bruinooge



Give a girl the right shoes, and she'll conquer the world.
- Marilyn Monroe

Li-Ta (Rita) Cheng

Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.
- Maya Angelou

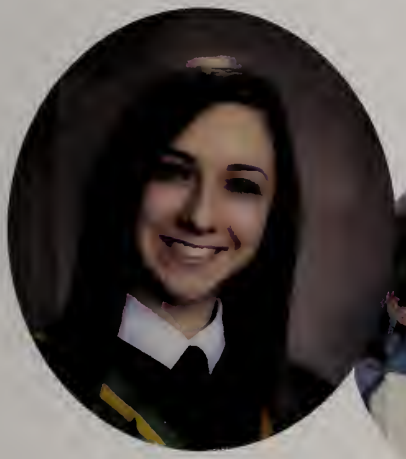
Alexandra Chubaty Boychuk

O Captain, my Captain!
- Dead Poets Society

Daniella Daumler

XinYuan (Elva) Fan

Be strong enough to let go and be patient enough to wait for what you deserve.



Sari Glow

I'm a big kid now.
- Huggies

Emery Gosselin

I'll run until my legs hurt and continue till my ankles bleed. I'll scream until my lungs shrivel and my mouth goes dry. I know where I have come, and I will see where I will end.

GRADUATES

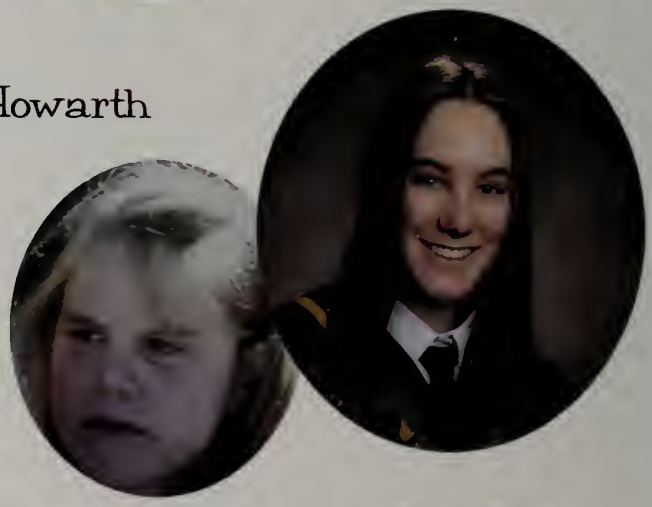
ZiYing (Grace) Gu

Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do.
- Ella Fitzgerald

Ryleigh Houston

Pay no mind to the fear of failure. It's far more valuable than success. Take ownership, take chances and have fun. And no matter what, don't stop doing your thing.
- Asher Roth

Kaitlin Howarth



Education is important but hockey is importanter!

Kim Hurst

Yer a wizard Harry.
- Hagrid

Seo Yoon (Erin) Jeong

Incuriosity is the oddest and most foolish failing there is.
- Stephen Fry

DaYu (Kim) Jin

Don't forget the things you once owned. Treasure the things you can't get. Don't give up the things that belong to you and keep those lost things in memory.

Dahniel King

Tough times won't last.

Alycia Leafloor

Today you are you! That is truer than true! There is no one alive who is you-er than you! - Dr. Seuss

GRADUATES

Emily Middagh

"Yo Kamins... what's good?"

Garima Moudgil

Have some fire. Be unstoppable. Be a force of nature. Be better than anyone here, and don't care what anyone thinks. There are no teams here, no buddies. You're on your own. Be on your own.
- Christina Yang, Grey's Anatomy

Paris Musaphir

Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another stepping stone to greatness.
- Oprah

Cady Pavagadhi

It's so important to understand your good attendance ups your chances of graduating.
-Tyra Banks

Kyla Piskor

It always seems impossible until it's done.
- Nelson Mandela

Kira Ross

Live life to the fullest because life is too short.

Kelli Rowswell

Eat Pasta, Skate Fasta!

YuXuan (Amy) Song

No matter how hard life is, do not lose hope. Always smile and be yourself.

GRADUATES

Tori Stebnitsky

Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.
- C. S. Lewis

HuiQian (Ivy) Tang

Everyone should have a dream, it just might come true.

Iqra Tariq

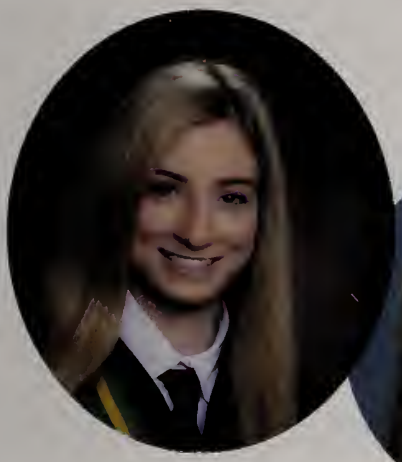
You are neither for the earth nor for the heaven. The world is for you, and not you for the world.
- Allama Iqbal

Alyssa Tyhy

You've stolen me and I'm here to take meself back.
- Captain Jack Sparrow

JiaShu (Iris) Wang

For we pay a price for everything we get or take in this world, and, although ambitions are well worth having, they are not to be cheaply won.
- Lucy Maud Montgomery



Nicole Whitesell

Marry for money and learn to love them later.

Polina Yurchenko

It must happen to us all. We packed up all we've learned so far and leave the family behind. No fun, that shearing separation, but somewhere within, we must dimly know that saying goodbye to safety brings the only security we'll ever know.
- Richard Bach

Krissia Zhao

Ese momento when you start a pensar en dos idiomas at the same tiempo.

GRADUATES

2015 - 2016

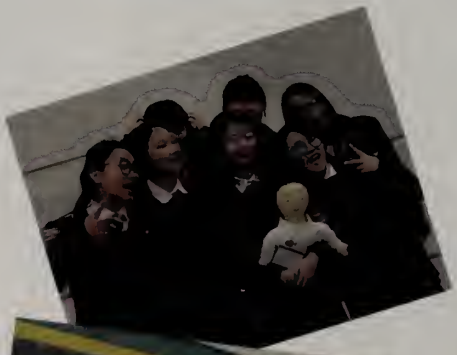
Past members of the BH family stand with their dolls at the assembly

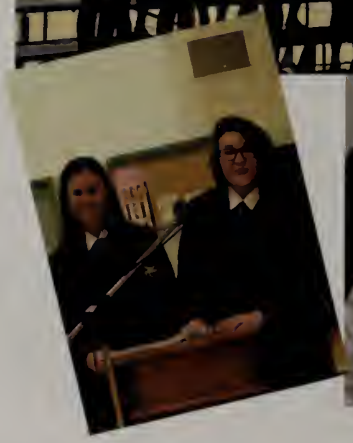
Above: Past, present and future alum prefects Gillian Chiu '17, Sari Glow '16, Simran Roopra '15, and Meredith Chiu '14

Doll Assembly

The doll assembly is a long standing, heartfelt tradition looked forward to by all. Every year, grade 11's create a replica doll for each graduate. The countless hours and effort put into each doll is always apparent. Small personal touches and trinkets are added as a way of further connecting the graduate to their doll. The experience of creating dolls the year before allows the graduates to appreciate their dolls even more. The grade 11's also preformed a meaningful and touching song about the future, leaving and loving life. Thank you to all who have kept this tradition alive - and a special thank you to the grade 11's.

Kim Hurst '16 and Alexandra Chubaty Boychuk '16





2016 BH Lifers - Kim Hurst, Paris Musaphir, Sara Ali, Chloe Balog, Alexandra Chubaty Boychuk and Daniella Daumler.

Lifers

BH Lifer seems like a strange title, but to us girls, it is an honour. As our years at BH come to a close, I do not think any of us have yet comprehended the impact these years will have on the rest of our lives. We are a very small group of fortunate girls. We have gotten to grow from the little children on the play ground, wearing tunics and pig tails, to confident, mature, vibrant women who look great in a kilt and messy bun. We have seen it, done it, lived it and loved all our days at BH. We may be leaving the comfort of our school but we will not grow apart. We have grown together and will remain close, as we go on to the next chapters of our lives. We are the graduating lifers of 2016 and we are prepared for our bright futures ahead thanks to our time at BH.

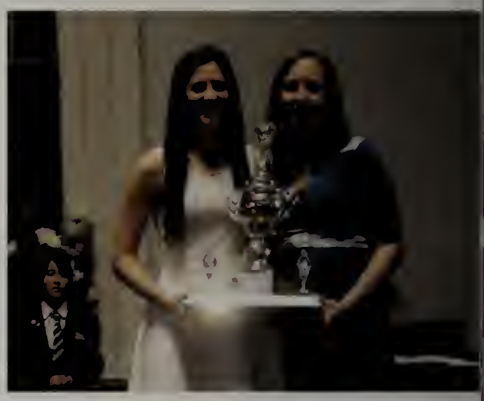
Chloe Balog '16

Closing Ceremonies

The lifers of the class of 2016 Alexandra Chubaty-Boychuk, Paris Musaphir, Sara Ali, Daniella Daumler, Kim Hurst and Chloe Balog

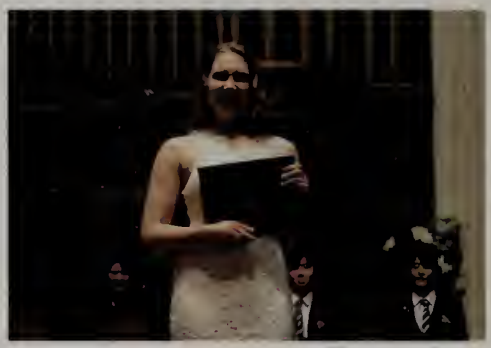
The class of 2016 prepared to toss their caps after receiving their diplomas

Samantha Machado accepted The United Way Student Community Service Award and Kady Evanyshyn '13 Art Award



Emily Middagh accepted the Varsity Athlete of the Year award and the Jacqueline Anderson Award for outstanding leadership in sports

Chloe Balog received the N. Thomas Russell Award for leadership and the Blazers Graduating All Star Award in athletics



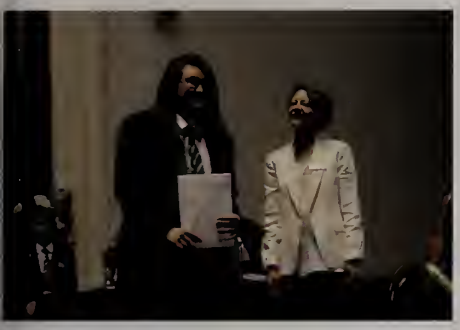
Alexandra Chubaty-Boychuck received the Robert M. Shaw Memorial Award for leadership in music and The Governor General's Medal for combined academic excellence in Grades 11 and 12

Taylor Tom received the Betty (Holden) Buggey RLS '26 Scholarship for her love of skating

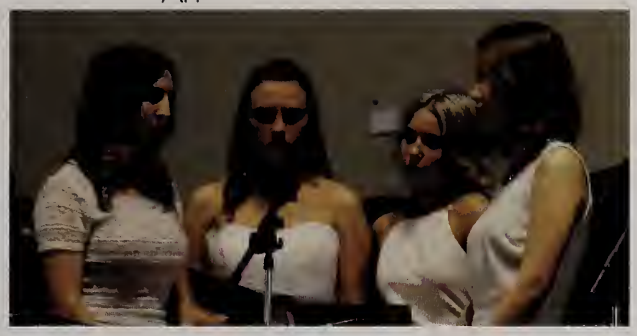
Claudia Venevongsa received the Dr. W. Grant Beaton Science Award for her commitment to science outside of the classroom

Paris Musaphir accepting the Meliora Petens Head Girl plaque and Elizabeth Patton Memorial Shield for her leadership and dependability

Seo Yoon (Erin) Jeong received the Meliora Petens School Captains plaque, the Barbara Honey Scholarship and the Clare McCulloch Memorial Award for Art



Left: Gillian Chiu was awarded the Jacuzzi Family Science Scholarship
Right: Graduating choir members Daniella Daumler, Chloe Balog, Johanna Bruinooge and Da Yu (Kim) Jin, performed 'You Raise Me Up'



Left: Andi Sharma '03 addressed the class of 2016
Right: Joy Loewen delivered her closing address

Left: Alycia Leafloor was given the Steven B. Fejes Volunteer of the Year Award for exemplary volunteer commitment

Below: Valedictorian Sari Glow also received the University of Manitoba Chown Centennial Entrance Scholarship and the University of Toronto Book Prize

Left: House head Garima Moudgil accepted the Sir James Aikins Memorial House Trophy on behalf of Braemar

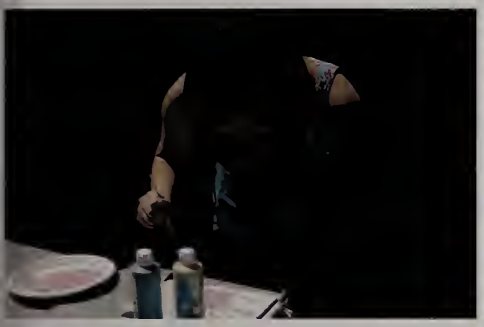
Garden Party

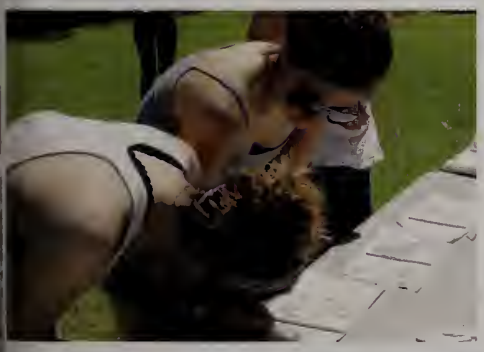
Students, staff, friends and families gathered together to celebrate with the class of 2016 in the atrium after the closing ceremonies. They dined on pizza, tarts and a variety of deserts whilst reminiscing about the great times the grads had while at BH and talking of plans for the future.

Above: Sari Glow sampled the delicious lunch
Below: Da Yu (Kim) Jin celebrated with her parents

Above: Alexandra Chubaty Boychuk, Erin Jeong and Garima Moudgil shared memories from BH
Right: Asiyah Ashique and Sara Ali cherished the moment

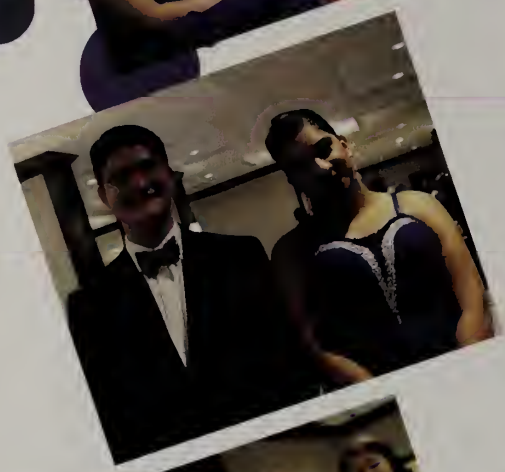
Above: Christine and Elva Fan celebrated the exciting event as sisters





Handprints

Each year the graduating class creates commemorative tiles with each of their individual handprints. Students receive a tile and use paint to create their handprint and decorate the tile with their name and personal touches. These tiles, along with ones from past alumnae, will be put up within the school in the near future.

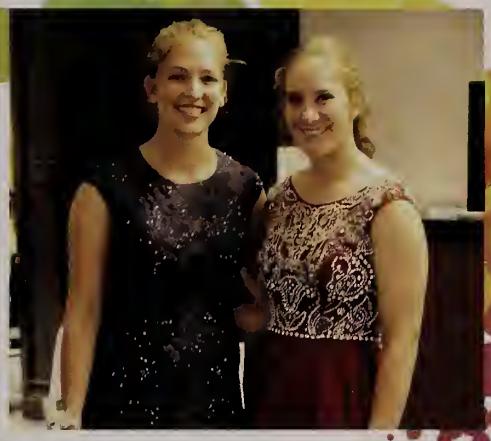


Graduating Class of 2016

Above: Iqra Tariq, Ms. Wilkes, Chloe Balog and Sari Glow

Above: Alycia Leafloor and Katharine Bezte thanked faculty, parents and The Fairmont staff

Above: The Graduates lined-up before their entrance into the ballroom



Above: Kelli Rowswell and Kaitlin Howarth

Above: The Graduates were excited to be seated for dinner
Below: Erin Jeong, Garima Moudgil and Iqra Tariq

Graduates Dinner

This year, the 2016 graduates celebrated their final celebration together as BH students, at the Fairmont Hotel. Students first gathered to take a group photo in their formal dresses before heading out to mingle with guests, fellow classmates and teachers. During the sit-down dinner in the ballroom parents, students and teachers honoured the graduates in heart-felt speeches. Mr. Williams, Mr. Kerr and Ms. Akerstream finished off the speeches with words of wisdom from themselves and from many of the staff, via video, for graduates futures. Finally students said goodbye to their parents and teachers before starting their after grad party!

Valedictory Address

Good morning Mrs. Kamin, Ms. [illegible] teachers, staff, [illegible] graduating class of 2016. Today is nothing short of [illegible] moment. It marks our [illegible] high school [illegible]. Our leap from childhood to adulthood. Our [illegible] from mandatory education, [illegible] in our [illegible] and agendas [illegible] of coffee [illegible] with Ms. [illegible] es, to listening to [illegible] aving the [illegible] that [illegible] prove to be quite the daunting venture; in [illegible] independent: [illegible] own out [illegible] in the morning, pack our own lunches, and choose a profession that will shape the course of our lives.

The burning question for us now as we stand on the precipice of our future is: How do we avoid a life filled with the constant perpetuation of mediocrity? How do we construct unique, fulfilling lives for ourselves? There are two key components to the answer, the first of which I will share with you through a story.

When I was in Grade 6, I signed up to compete in the school spelling bee. Being confident that I, an eleven-year-old, already knew every word in the dictionary, I didn't study. The day came, and I walked up to the microphone. Spell 'Laundry'. "Laundry. L-A-U-N-D-R-E-Y. Laundry." And with a triumphant smile, I walked back to my seat. But then I heard the 'ding' of defeat. As you've probably already figured out, I spelled laundry wrong, and I was the very first student out. Leaving behind my pride and dignity, I walked off the stage and accepted my participation award. So - why did I tell you this story? Did I want to finally redeem myself and show the world that I know laundry is spelled L-A-U-N-D-R-Y? Maybe. But above that, I want to emphasize the importance of humility. I had a thorough spelling background, but I let it get to my head, and ended up spelling a very easy word wrong. We are so fortunate to be graduating from BH, and to have had such an extensive and high quality education, but we cannot walk into university with the same attitude with which I entered the spelling bee. We cannot commence the rest of our lives with the mindset that we are completely prepared for everything that life has to throw at us; we need to be willing to accept failure and learn from our mistakes. We need to understand that a successful, fulfilling life does not come without a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication.

In addition to the diligence and resolve that we must possess, and perhaps on the polar-opposite side of the spectrum of humility, it is absolutely essential that you believe in yourself with the utmost fervour. This sounds like the most cliché advice in existence, but it is perhaps the crux of success. If you whole-heartedly believe that you are not good enough, and believe that you will fail, you probably will. In the words of Henry Ford, "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right." My fellow graduates, don't just think that you can become a surgeon, a human rights lawyer, or the first woman in the NHL, know that you can.

I find as students we spend an equal amount of time studying as we do complaining about studying. Don't get me wrong, I am definitely guilty of this as well, but I feel as though we don't fully appreciate the incredible opportunities that we have had at this school. Our teachers genuinely care about us and the extent of our education, and work hard to create authentic and engaging lessons that apply to our lives. Now, whether I like it or not, every time I hear Amazing Grace, I will sing the quadratic formula song. Every time I'm trying to sauté my vegetables in peace, I will be thinking about how the rainbow on the pan is caused by thin film interference on the oil water interface (Thank you Dr. Mitchler). And every time I'm baking cookies, I will hear Ms. Kirk in my head screaming RATIOS. My point is, our teachers have played an instrumental role in shaping us into the people we are today, in preparing us for our future, and in being our extrinsic motivators and cheerleaders for the duration of our high school years. We cannot thank you enough.

Parents, thank you for your guidance, your patience, your last minute baking for potlucks, your never ending cheque writing for all things BH, and for supporting us during these final challenging years, as we strived to reach the finish line.

Even though we are thrilled at the prospect of leaving, we truly will miss a lot about BH. We'll miss seeing how long we can wear a hoodie over our uniform before Ms. Hafenbrak catches us, we'll miss napping on the third floor couches, and above all we will miss relentlessly sassing Mr. Williams. All jokes aside, BH has laid the foundation upon which we will construct the rest of our lives, and that begins today.

Thank you.

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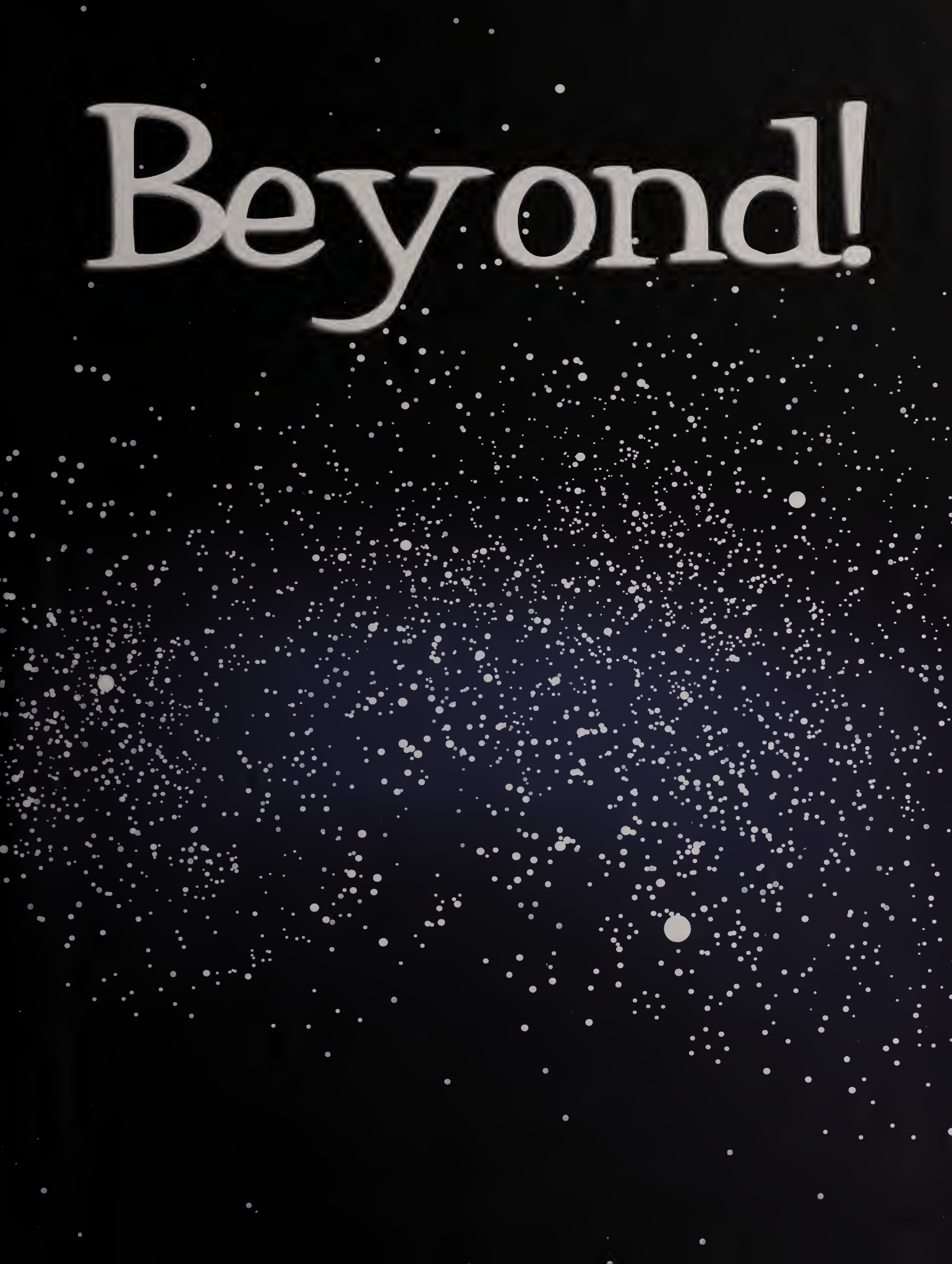
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